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INTRODUCTION

LUCY CUTLER KELLOGG's excellent history of Bernardston covers the period from the settlement of the town in 1736, to the year 1900. In her later years, Mrs. Kellogg hoped that another volume would sometime be published, covering the years since 1900.

She transferred to Fred Donaldson in 1950 the rights to use and quote her history and stated: "I hereby transfer to Mr. Fred A. Donaldson, now of Bernardston, Massachusetts, all my interest in the history of that town by me written and published in February, 1902. Should he desire to re-write or get out a second edition at any time, he is at liberty to do so."

Mr. Donaldson, always a public-spirited citizen, was president of the Cushman Library trustees when, in 1955, he suggested the preparation of such a second volume of Bernardston history. In the same year he transferred to the library trustees his rights and interest in Mrs. Kellogg's book.

At the 1960 annual meeting of the library trustees, it was voted to prepare and publish this second volume of Bernardston history. A steering committee consisting of: Iva B. Root, Frieda J. Wiemers and Elinor B. Cronyn was appointed to plan for its preparation in time for the town's two hundredth anniversary to be observed in August, 1962. The material for this volume was obtained from the Kellogg History, old record books, town reports, the *Greenfield Gazette & Courier* and the *Recorder-Gazette*.

Many citizens have had a part in the writing of this volume. A member of each of the town's many organizations was chosen to write its history, and others wrote of the churches, schools, old houses and many other subjects. Not the least of these sections is the genealogy, with a special committee: Paul D. Shores, Florence M. Wright, Delmar P. Magoon and Madelyn J. Page.

It is hoped that, as the years go by, someone in Bernardston will keep a record of all important events and dates, and in fifty years will once more bring this history up to date.

The trustees of Cushman Library wish to thank most sincerely all those who have taken a part in the preparation of this work.

For this volume we repeat the words of Mrs. Kellogg when she asked “. . . that its many shortcomings may receive a kindly criticism. . . .”

The elected trustees in 1961 were: Florence Birks, Elinor Cronyn, Caroline Denison, Melvin Denison, Margaret Dunnell, Viola Fitzherbert, John Morgan, Henry Root, Iva Root, Arthur Ward, Frieda Wiemers and Georgia Wyatt.

Chapter I

EARLY HISTORY AND ORIGIN

BERNARDSTON is one of the northern towns of Franklin County, with the State Line of Vermont on the north; the towns of Northfield and Gill on the east; Gill and Greenfield on the south and Leyden on the west. The town lies in the Fall River valley, a beautiful section of this locality, surrounded by its hills, West Mountain, Wildcat, Bald Mountain and Huckle Hill.

Bernardston owes its existence to the settlers' fight with the Indians in 1676, near the falls of the Connecticut River at the present site of Turners Falls. In recognition of these services, the survivors of the fight and the descendants of those deceased, were granted land in an area now comprising Bernardston, Leyden and a part of Colrain, a region which was then a wilderness. The settlement was at first called Falls Fight Township, which was later shortened to Fall Town, and the stream running through the town was named Fall River.

The first four houses, or "forts," as they were called, were Burk, Connable, Deacon Sheldon and Lieutenant Sheldon. Major John Burk's Fort, the first and largest, stood on Burk Flat, east of the present George Duprey house. The name of the pioneer, Burk, by the way, was frequently spelled with a final "e" after 1784. The Samuel Connable Fort was farther north, near the present Sterling Nelson house, which has in it many timbers from the old fort. The Sheldon Forts were built in 1740 or early in 1741. Lieutenant Ebenezer Sheldon's was in the eastern part of the settlement near the present corner of Northfield and Purple Meadow Roads. The Deacon Sheldon Fort stood on Huckle Hill, a few rods east of the present house of William Field, Sr. Markers were placed at each of these fort sites in 1930, at the time of the Massachusetts Tercentenary. The detailed story of Bernardston's early years is well related in Mrs. Kellogg's comprehensive history.

The town retained the name of Fall Town until, following a petition presented by the inhabitants, the General Assembly of the Province of Massachusetts Bay incorporated it on March 5, 1762. It was then given the name of Bernardston, in honor of Sir Francis Bernard, Provincial Governor under King George III. The town then took its place with the other towns of the state,

the first town meeting being held in the church on May 11, 1762.

The closing words of the Hon. Henry W. Cushman's address at the time of the Centennial Celebration of the Incorporation of the Town of Bernardston, August 20, 1862, are well worth repeating here:

"But before I close I must for myself and in behalf of this large assemblage of friends, pay my respects to the 20th day of Aug. 1962;—Far down the long vista of years I see a large gathering of men, women, and children—not one of whom is here to-day—assembled to celebrate the second Centennial Anniversary of the Incorporation of Bernardston. A large crowd is here. The sun, like to-day, shines brightly on their cheerful faces. They talk freely of us—who long since have been known only by the marble monument or the sculptured granite. They think and speak of us and of what we do and say to-day. To them I have a few words to say.

"Men and Women who may meet here on the 20th of August, 1962, we send you greetings of a Universal Brotherhood and of a Sympathizing Christianity. That you will do more and better than we have done or can do, we fully believe. A hundred years of labor and of experience must add much to your advancement and must place you much higher in the scale of Christian civilization than we are. Look kindly then, we beseech you, on the shortcomings of this generation and of the services of this day. If we send down to you the blessings of a republican government, you must improve and perfect it. If we leave you schools and churches you must make them better. We know well and we regret it greatly, that 'the Christianity of Christ,' is yet but poorly understood, and less perfectly practised by us. But we believe in the progress and ultimately in the high position of the human race. If we have done little, you must do more, and thus the great design of our Heavenly Father, in the creation of us, his children, will be accomplished.

"Kinsmen and Friends, the path of a higher destiny is yours. Peace and the blessing of God be with you."

There is one person living in 1962, who may have been present at the 1862 Centennial. Mrs. Walter Nichols of Greenfield (formerly Nellie Hale of Bernardston) now aged one hundred and three years, may have been brought to that celebration by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Hale of South Street; at least she was living at that time.

As Mr. Cushman in 1862 looked into the future, and thought

and talked of us, so we today look forward to the year 2062, the three hundredth anniversary of the town, and wonder what life will be like then. When Mr. Cushman delivered his Centennial address, the Civil War was in its second year. We, today in 1962, at the beginning of the "Space Age," are in the midst of a "cold war," with the fear of nuclear weapons and trouble and unrest everywhere. Although we may not have completely fulfilled Mr. Cushman's hopes and aspirations, we still hope for a better world when Bernardston celebrates its Tercentenary.

Chapter II

TOWN GOVERNMENT AND PROPERTY

BERNARDSTON is governed by a Board of Selectmen, which doubles as the Board of Health and the Board of Public Welfare. Since 1951 there has been a Welfare District which administers assistance. An annual Town Meeting, at which a Moderator presides, takes care of business and financial affairs and election of officials.

Elected officers of the town are: three Assessors; three Auditors; Board of Health; Clerk; four Constables; Moderator; Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee—two members; Elementary School Committee—three members; three Selectmen; Tax Collector; Treasurer; Tree Warden; twelve Trustees of Cushman Library; twelve Trustees of Powers Institute.

Appointed officers are: Burial Agent; Dog Officer; three Fence Viewers; four Field Drivers; twelve Fire Engineers; Forest Fire Warden; Inspector of Animals and Barns; Inspector of Slaughtering; Moth Superintendent; four Public Weighers; Pound Keeper; Sealer of Weights and Measures; Superintendent of Highways; Special Police Officer; Acting Chief of Police; three Surveyors of Wood and Lumber; Superintendent of Schools; Town Hall Janitor; four Registrars of Voters; Veterans' Agent; Town Counsel; Finance Committee—five members; Civilian Defense Director.

POPULATION OF BERNARDSTON

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1900—792 | 1930—893 |
| 1910—741 | 1940—954 |
| 1920—769 | 1950—1117 |
| 1960—1370 | |

VOTERS

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| 1900—222 | 1961—720 |
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WELFARE

At the beginning of the century, public welfare was administered by the selectmen, acting as a Board of Public Welfare. All persons or families in need usually were given assistance by being boarded out to the lowest bidder, by giving grocery or other or-

ders at a store or by payment of their medical bills with assistance in cash seldom given directly to those in need. All recipients of aid were listed by name as "paupers" in town reports and public records and the cost of each was listed separately. Some of the "paupers" also listed by name were committed to the "Northampton Lunatic Hospital" which was later called "Northampton Insane Hospital." In 1912, "paupers" were listed by number instead of by name. Total cost of public welfare in the early 1900's averaged about \$1400 per year in Bernardston.

During later years, the state government became more involved in local welfare and new programs were started giving cash assistance to elderly persons and widows with dependent children in their own homes. Such payments were made with a combination of state and local funds. About 1936, the federal government began giving assistance in welfare and joined with local and state funds in Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children. Later on, two new categories of public assistance were added, financed by federal, state, and local funds, so that by 1961, in addition to Old Age Assistance and Aid to Dependent Children, this type of assistance was also available for needy disabled persons and medical care for aged persons who have sufficient resources for their ordinary needs. By this time, new laws were added giving more rights and higher standards of assistance to needy people, and administration became more complicated and was handled by civil service employees. Also, assistance records were made confidential information.

In 1951, the Northern Franklin Welfare District was formed to handle welfare for Bernardston, Gill, Leyden and Warwick. The office was located on Dewey Street in Bernardston with two full-time employees doing the necessary work for the Board of Public Welfare in each of the member towns. Northfield joined the District in 1961, and a third employee was added. The present employees of the District are: Lucius R. Stark, Director, Frieda J. Wiemers and Evelyn M. White. Public assistance in Bernardston was about \$46,000 in 1961.

SELECTMEN SINCE 1900

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Edwin B. Hale, Edward C. Martindale, L. Dwight Slate | 1899-1901 |
| L. Dwight Slate, Myron L. Corbett, John W. Chapin | 1902-1907 |
| John W. Chapin, Adelbert S. Atherton, L. Dwight Slate | 1908 |
| John W. Chapin, Adelbert S. Atherton, Ervin L. Barber | 1909 |
| John W. Chapin, L. Dwight Slate, Edwin B. Hale | 1910 |

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| L. Dwight Slate, Edwin B. Hale, Ralph H. Cushman | 1911-1912 |
| Ralph H. Cushman, Edwin B. Hale, Winnie G. Newton | 1913 |
| Edwin B. Hale, Winnie G. Newton, Melvin A. Denison | 1914-1915 |
| Edwin B. Hale, Melvin A. Denison, John W. Chapin | 1916-1922 |
| Melvin A. Denison, John W. Chapin, L. Dwight Slate | 1923-1924 |
| Howard M. Moat, John W. Chapin, L. Dwight Slate | 1925 |
| Melvin A. Denison, Howard M. Moat, Herman L. Eldred | 1926 |
| Melvin A. Denison, Clarence D. Pratt, Ray E. Franklin | 1927-1930 |
| Melvin A. Denison, Ray E. Franklin, John W. Chapin | 1931 |
| Melvin A. Denison, Walter C. Grover, John W. Chapin | 1932-1933 |
| Melvin A. Denison, Walter C. Grover, Ray E. Franklin | 1934 |
| Walter C. Grover, Earl A. Estabrook, John W. Chapin | 1935 |
| Melvin A. Denison, Ray E. Franklin, Herbert T. Slate | 1936-1939 |
| Melvin A. Denison, Ray E. Franklin, William E. Field, Sr. | 1940 |
| Melvin A. Denison, William E. Field, Sr., Herbert T. Slate | 1941-1943 |
| Melvin A. Denison, William E. Field, Sr., Fred H. Eastman | 1944 |
| William E. Field, Sr., Fred H. Eastman, Alphonso G. Marshall | 1945-1948 |
| Fred H. Eastman, Alphonso G. Marshall, Lucius R. Stark | 1949-1950 |
| Lucius R. Stark, Fred H. Eastman, Henry O. Root | 1951 |
| William D. Underwood, Fred H. Eastman, George R. Wilcox | 1952-1953 |
| William D. Underwood, Fred H. Eastman, Harold A. Coates | 1954-1955 |
| Harold A. Coates, William D. Underwood, George R. Wilcox | 1956-1957 |
| George R. Wilcox, Harold A. Coates, Russell L. Deane | 1958 |
| Harold A. Coates, Russell L. Deane, Norman F. Drew | 1959-1961 |

TOWN CLERKS SINCE 1900

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|------------------|-----------|
| Henry L. Crowell | 1893-1936 |
| Georgia L. Wyatt | 1937-1943 |
| Madelyn J. Page | 1944-1961 |

TOWN BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

TOWN HALL

The town hall is a large, two-story building situated on Church Street. There is a large hall upstairs with a stage and dressing rooms and on the ground floor are found a smaller hall, kitchen, rest rooms, and two offices for the use of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Clerk. The building was originally dedicated January 8, 1878. In 1901, Mrs. Abbie B. Coy (daughter of Isaac Burrows) of Little Rock, Arkansas, gave the town its clock. Gardiner J. Oakes and son, Frank, at that time built the tower on the town hall and the clock was installed. Sixty years later, the clock still serves the inhabitants faithfully.

TOWN VAULT

The town vault was built in 1899-1900 at the rear of the town hall on Church Street. It is constructed of brick and the one room is used for storage of records of the town.

HEARSE HOUSE

Another building located in back of the town hall is what is known as the "hearse house." Early in the century this housed the town-owned hearse. The hearse has long since disappeared from the list of town equipment and the structure now houses some of the town road machinery.

POWERS INSTITUTE

Edward Epps Powers, a native of Bernardston, bequeathed to the town the sum of \$10,000, "the income of which is to be forever used for the purposes of schooling, the only condition being that the town raise \$300 annually for the same purpose." This resulted in the erection of Powers Institute on Church Street. Dedication services were held September 1, 1857. Bernardston pupils, as well as many boarding students from surrounding towns, attended this school until about 1900 when it became the high school of the town. It continued as such until the fall of 1957, when the new Pioneer Valley Regional School was opened and Bernardston pupils joined students from Northfield and Warwick in the new facilities.

CUSHMAN HALL

Henry W. Cushman, about 1860, built and gave to the town the use of Cushman Hall on Church Street across from Powers Insti-

tute and the land on which it stood, including Cushman Park. It was later willed to the town by Mr. Cushman. The hall was used as the residence of the principal of Powers Institute and the upper two stories were used as rooms for out-of-town students. The hall is still managed by the Cushman Hall Committee (made up of the President of the Powers Institute Trustees, the President of the Cushman Library Trustees, and one member from each of the Boards of Trustees) but is now used as an apartment house.

CUSHMAN PARK

The park is situated on the corner of Church and South Streets in the center of the town. It contains about two and one-half acres, has many shade trees, and Fox Brook runs through it. The Cushman Will provided that no building should ever be erected on the park and if it should ever be used for building purposes, the park would revert to the Trustees of Amherst College. An honor roll commemorating the service of Bernardston men in the wars is placed here. The park is an attractive, well-kept spot where Little League games and other activities are held during the summer months, Christmas decorations appear in season and, in general, it lends charm to this New England town.

CUSHMAN LIBRARY

The library was given to the town by the Hon. Henry W. Cushman during the exercises marking the one hundredth anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town of Bernardston, August 20, 1862. Located on Church Street next to Powers Institute, it is a two-story, brick building. The main library room and a fireproof safe are on the ground floor while Sanderson Hall, now used for storage of non-fiction, and the Historical Room are situated on the second floor.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The new Bernardston Elementary School, which replaced the four one-room district schoolhouses, was opened in 1951. It is located off South Street on the new School Road and accommodates kindergarten and the first six grades. Landscaping has been provided by the Community Club and the Grange and the Parent-Teacher Association has furnished playground equipment.

CHARITY FARM

The Charity Farm, located on Bald Mountain Road, was a gift to the town by the Hon. Job Goodale. His will reads in part, "It is my will that the premises aforesaid shall belong to the town under the care and superintendence of the overseers of the poor for the time being, who shall appropriate and distribute the net income of the same annually among such industrious and deserving poor in said town as shall fall into sickness and distress as they shall judge proper without reference to religious sects or denominations." Since 1955, a Charity Farm Reforestation Program has been carried on. Thirty acres have been fenced and plantings of red pine, white pine, and white spruce seedlings have been made. This project will greatly increase the value of this property in years to come.

TOWN FUNDS

SEVERAL BEQUESTS to the Town of Bernardston have made extra money available for various purposes.

The BURROWS FUND, willed in 1900, makes the interest from \$400 expendable by the treasurer of the town for the "care and maintenance" of the Burrows lots in the cemetery.

J. V. Hale granted the town \$1000 to establish a fund, to be known as the J. V. HALE FUND. The sum to be invested in non-assessable stock in an Electric Railroad Company which shall build an electric railroad from Greenfield to or beyond Bernardston. Income from the Hale Fund should be expended in improving or building sidewalks, with especial attention given to walks on South Street, between the hotel and schoolhouse on said street. The supplement to the Hale Fund directs that the words "or bonds of said company" be added to the deed or gift after the words "non-assessable stock," if desired by the Town.

ARETAS FERRY FUND. The amount of the Ferry Fund is \$5000 to be managed by the town forever in trust; to be deposited in savings banks of Massachusetts; or to be used in three ways: (1) to pay salaries of teachers employed in Powers Institute; (2) to assist boys and girls in their education; (3) to procure apparatus useful or necessary in the teaching of sciences.

When Powers no longer exists, within two years the money is to

Heights above the Sea:
 Pond Mountain 1190 feet
 Bald " 1167 "
 West " 1145 "
 Wild Cat " 1059 "
 East " 1098 "
 Snow Hill 485 "



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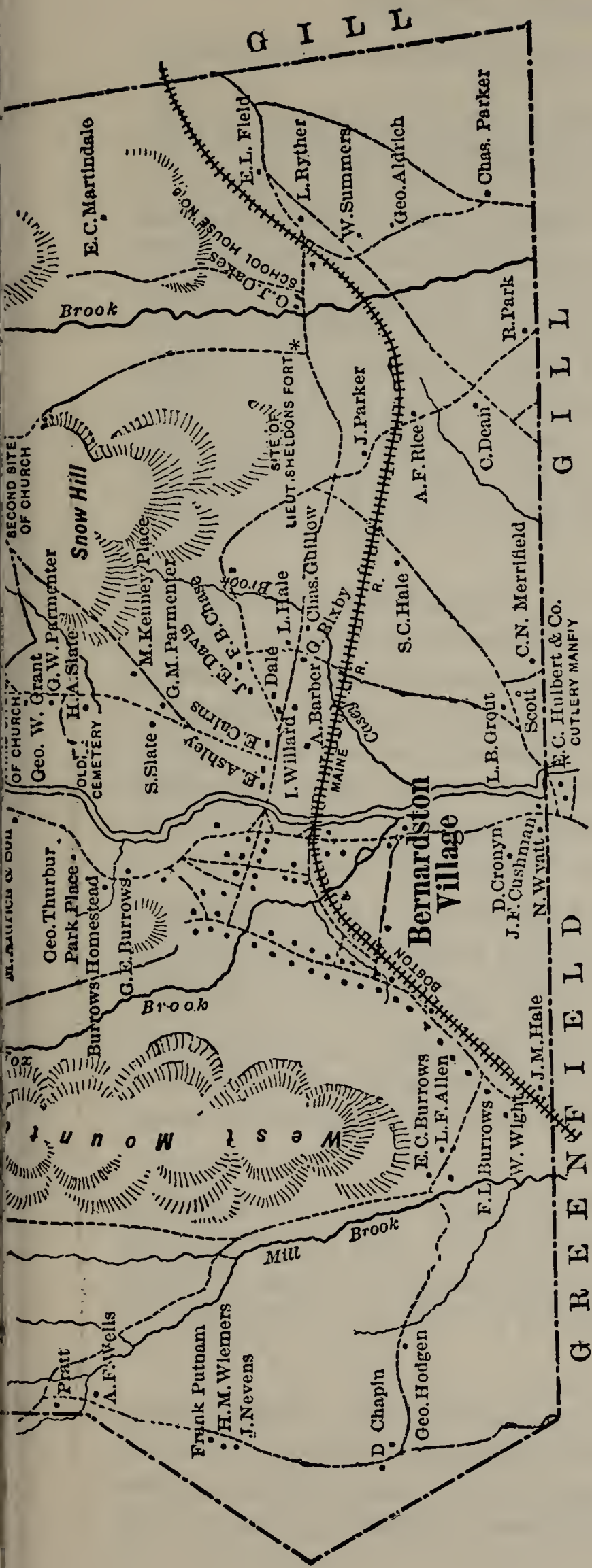
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MAGNETIC MERIDIAN



MAP OF THE TOWN OF BERNARDSTON

BY O. W. GRAY, B.S., C.E.

Scale, 240 Rods to one Inch.



go to the managers of Franklin County Hospital, established in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

The directions in the deed of gift have been carried out and the Franklin County Public Hospital now has the money.

GOODALE CHARITY FUND. Job Goodale, in his will of 1832, gave to Bernardston a farm called the Loomis Place; and from the heirs of Stephen Webster about one hundred acres plus one acre and one-half, to be used for the support of the poor. Added to this, the sum of two hundred dollars to be loaned at six per cent interest (or the legal interest) to be paid annually to the principal and interest, until the sum amounts to twenty thousand dollars, "the money to be used for the support of the poor, common schools, or public library." The income from this fund was first available in 1928.

POWERS FUND. Edward E. Powers bequeathed to the town in 1854, one hundred shares in Capital Stock of Franklin County Bank of Greenfield, par value ten thousand dollars, for use in education in this way: one-half the annual income to be used for support of public or common schools in the same way money is raised by taxation, the town to raise and expend annually the sum of \$300. The other half of the Bank Stock to be used in the maintenance and support of a grammar or high school in the town.

TOWN SCHOOL FUND. A fund of \$716 derived from the sale of school lands to be devoted forever to the public schools. When the School Fund reached \$1,198.79, interest was withdrawn each year.

CHARITY FARM FUND. February 24, 1954, amounts deposited in savings from the fund totalled \$2,165.60, and the income from savings deposits and rentals from pasture land have been added to the amount.

JOB GOODALE WOODLOT. The Selectmen, acting as a board of public welfare, may operate this woodlot so that it will produce income for the beneficiaries. Attorney Joseph T. Bartlett, Town Counsel, so advises. The proceeds of a complete sale should be treated as principal.

VALUE OF TRUST FUNDS—1960: Goodale Fund \$20,000, Ferry Fund \$5000, Burrows Fund \$486.13, Town School Fund \$1,198.79, J. V. Hale Fund \$1,390.64, Powers Fund \$82.42, Charity Farm Fund \$2,895.39, Powers Fund, 530 Shares Franklin County Trust Company, \$21,200.

Unclaimed Cushman Fund

THE UNCLAIMED CUSHMAN FUND. Lt. Gov. Henry Wyles Cushman, Bernardston's benefactor, died childless in 1863, at the age of fifty-eight. His will contained provision for a legacy of \$10,000 to a town which would take the name of "Cushman." Various provisions were: (a) The legacy was payable only after his wife's death; (b) Any Massachusetts town of not less than 1000 inhabitants was eligible; (c) Bernardston was eligible with less than 1000 population; (d) If within five years no Massachusetts town had taken the Cushman name, then any town in the United States could apply; (e) The income from the fund to be used for the support of a high or grammar school.

This matter did not come before the voters until 1905, as Mrs. Cushman outlived her husband by forty-two years, dying in 1904 at the age of eighty. The revival of interest in the Cushman Will attracted much attention in Massachusetts and long articles soon appeared in the papers, both for and against the change of the town's name. Some of the headlines were: "Bernardston's Dilemma," "A Protest from the Town Historian," by Mrs. Kellogg, "Bernardston must speak quick if it wants Cushman Fund" as Onset Bay in the township of Wareham was considering a bid for the legacy. "Shall Bernardston change its name?" by Rev. C. C. Carpenter of Andover, Massachusetts, a former resident of Bernardston, who ended his article with, "Citizens of Bernardston, please don't!" The name of "B. Cushman" was suggested by Rev. J. B. Green of Ware, a former resident, and "Bernard-Cushman," by an Athol citizen, as there were already some towns bearing the name of Cushman. When this matter came before the voters, it was turned down 103 to 5!

Interest in the will was revived in 1933, and again there was much argument, pro and con, concerning the desirability of changing the town's name. When it came before the voters for the second time, a motion was made to pass over the article. This ended the controversy and Bernardston is still Bernardston, the only one in the United States.

Seventy years after Mr. Cushman's death, the fund had grown to \$35,000 and still no town had applied for it. Massachusetts Atty. Gen. Dever in 1937, filed in probate court a petition to have this fund established as a trust fund for the benefit of needy Franklin County boys and girls worthy of a high or grammar school education. Recipients must be legal residents of the county, studious

and capable. This plan for the use of the fund seemed in keeping with Mr. Cushman's ideas, and was put into effect.

Each January, a trustee is appointed for a three-year term. The fund may be invested in United States bonds, Massachusetts bonds or deposited in savings banks. The trustees in 1961 were: John P. Thompson of Greenfield, Deane H. Jones of Shelburne, and R. Arthur Lundgren of Orange.

Chapter III

HISTORICAL NOTES

BERNARDSTON'S SOUTH STREET

MANY CHANGES have come to Bernardston's South Street (Goose Lane in the early days) in the last sixty years, since Mrs. Kellogg's history was published in 1902. From a quiet dirt road, with the townspeople driving by with their horses and buggies, it became "Routes 5 and 10," with a never-ending flow of motor traffic. Gone are the picket fences which enclosed the dooryards in the old days; present are the gasoline stations, some empty and silent now. The present Package Store was then Crowell's Grocery, and the "Four Columns" was the Unitarian parsonage, the former home of Lt. Governor Cushman. On the site of the Inn there stood the old New England House which burned in 1904.

A large house, also burned, stood on the lot now owned by Mrs. John Dunnell. This place was called "Cedar Lawn," and was filled each summer with "paying guests" from New York City. These guests, with their city clothes and city ways, were of great interest to the South Street folk.

The coming of spring brought many strange visitors to the doors of South Street. One of the first to appear was the tin-peddler with his big covered cart, usually drawn by an old white horse. This cart was filled with all sorts of shiny tin kitchenware. The housewives had been saving rags all winter, and for these the peddler paid a few cents a pound, the women taking their pay in tin-ware.

Spring brought tramps, rough-looking fellows, who went from door to door asking for something to eat. Over on the high bank of Fall River, there was a shack called the "Tramp House," where these wanderers could bunk for the night.

Various sorts of peddlers came with the springtime. "Pack Peddlers" came selling all sorts of odds and ends, which they carried in black leather cases. Then there were the men who mended umbrellas; they passed along the street calling in a sort of chant, "Umbrellas—to—mend." Others carried a small machine on which they sharpened knives and scissors. To the Street's children, these people seemed to have come from another world, and they used to run and hide when they saw these visitors coming.

In the spring, the coming of the hand-organ man with his monkey was a red-letter day to the children, whose lives would seem very quiet to the youngsters of today. While the man ground out a few wheezy tunes on the organ, the monkey passed his tiny cap for pennies. Later on, the street pianos, or hurdy-gurdies, replaced the hand organs.

Another source of excitement was the coming of bands of gypsies. In the early days they came in covered wagons, with spans of horses, but later they drove shabby old cars. Sometimes they stopped and offered to tell fortunes or ask for something to eat. They were a rough, light-fingered lot, and every native was glad when they left town.

The "ladder man" came up the street, driving a span of horses, with a big load of ladders, lawn chairs, and benches painted bright green or red. The local "meat man" came weekly with his white covered cart, and village grocers, too. For a time a "fish man" and a baker came from Greenfield, the baker always ringing a bell to announce his arrival. Men came occasionally selling bananas, calling "bananas—bananas—sixteen for a quarter!"

Long before the days of Rural Free Delivery, several South Street families hired Arnold Scott, a blind man, to carry mail for them. He made a morning and an afternoon trip, and carried a large bag slung over his shoulders, with a compartment for each family. Although totally blind, he seldom made a mistake, either in finding his way or in the proper delivery of the mail. He blew a whistle in front of each house if he had mail, and often stopped to chat a bit and tell the latest news.

Summer Sundays brought many carriages toiling up the dusty road on their way to the religious conferences in the Northfield Auditorium, and there was a time, too, when the road was full of bicycles, also on Sundays. Bicycle clubs were popular and the Springfield Club rode to Bernardston and back, calling it the "Century Run," approximately 100 miles. Some of the women had special bicycle costumes; a few of the most daring wore long, full bloomers. There was speeding among the riders and this was called "scorching" and was frowned upon as speeding in cars is today.

In the fall, great droves of cattle were driven down the road to some distant market. The mothers warned the children to look up the street before starting for school. This school, District No. 1, enclosed on three sides by a high board fence, stood directly south of the present home of Ray Franklin. It replaced the old red

schoolhouse which stood on the same site. Some pupils, living on the Eden Trail Road and the old road "around the mountain" walked three miles to school.

During the winter came the sound of sleigh-bells, as the people drove up and down the snowy road, with its two deep tracks. There were light tinkling bells, three or four on each shaft of the sleigh, or a string of deep-toned, jangling bells around the horse's body. It could often be told who was coming by the sound of the bells. Sometimes the old wooden snow roller would be used to pack down the snow.

Now the horses are gone, the sound of sleigh-bells is heard no more, and no one runs to the window to see the "horse-less carriages" pass by. Many of the maple trees which then bordered the street on each side are gone, too. Some died of old age; some went down in the 1938 hurricane and were never replaced. These old trees must have been planted by some public-spirited citizens of a century or more ago; perhaps at the time of Bernardston's Centennial in 1862.

The opening of a section of the interstate highway Route 91, in September, 1960, has brought more changes to South Street, as much of the traffic has been diverted. While this takes business from the motels, antique shops, and gasoline stations, the residents along the street are enjoying some of the peace and quiet of the old days.

BERNARDSTON'S FIRST STREET LIGHTS

THE *Greenfield Gazette & Courier* of December 5, 1877, gives an account of the town's first lights and tells that subscription papers were out to defray the cost. "The lamps begin at the post office, proceed to Main Street and continue to the railroad crossing."

On November 24, the lamps were lighted for the first time when, "... the band wagon went up and down the street, discoursing sweet music." Later, friends gathered at the home of Mr. Nahum Cutler, sponsor of the project, for a social time with speeches and a collation.

The next year the *Gazette & Courier* of December 6, gave the following account of the lights. "The most important enterprise for the benefit of the village, made in a long time, was the undertaking, a year ago, to light the streets and the plan works well and is well liked by all who contributed to the success of the project. The lamp posts are of iron, hollow and curved at the top. The

case holding the lamp is so arranged as to be lowered to the ground, if need be, to receive the lamp. The villagers attend to the lighting, each minding that lamp 'over against unto his own dwelling.' The street lighting association who undertake to procure the oil for lighting get their funds from the proceeds of entertainments given by local dramatic talent who are now rehearsing, 'The People's Lawyer,' to be rendered in the near future."

SOME OF BERNARDSTON'S EARLY FIRES

BERNARDSTON undoubtedly always had some volunteer fire fighters. William Boyle, who was living on South Street in 1845, owned a leather fire bucket inscribed, "No. 2, W. Boyle." This bucket may be seen in the historical room in Cushman Library. While it was almost impossible to save a burning building with such primitive methods, nearby buildings were often saved by bucket brigades.

The year 1899 saw the destruction by fire of the grist and sawmill owned by Charles S. Barber. The building stood near Fall River on the site of the present unused sawmill. A bucket brigade was soon formed, which brought water from the river, up and over the railroad embankment, to the house now owned by Raymond Dunnell and occupied by Fred Smith. Although a barn burned close to the house, the firefighters "worked with the greatest pluck and efficiency" and saved the house, under the direction of Baxter Burrows. The sawmill was soon rebuilt on its old site; the gristmill was built across the road using a rope drive to transmit power; both are now owned by Raymond Dunnell.

The large and handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Alford was burned in 1903. The place, named "Cedar Lawn," was filled with "paying guests," from New York each summer. It stood on the north end of the lot now owned by Mrs. John Dunnell on South Street. "The old hand pumper, which was called 'our diminutive fire apparatus or baby engine,' sent a stream of water through five hundred feet of hose for four hours from a brook in the rear of the house on the day of the Alford fire. Mr. Whithed's (now John Carlin's) and I. B. Hale's (now Ellis Franklin's) would have been destroyed but for its help. . . ." All the nearby wells were pumped dry.

The historic old New England House burned in November, 1904. "The efforts of the volunteer firemen were directed to protect nearby buildings; I. B. Hale's store (present Package Store)

and Henry C. Cushman's (now Myron Barber's) . . . were saved by strenuous and long-continued effort, Baxter Burrows directing the work." Fortunately a light snow had fallen, covering roofs, dry grass and leaves; otherwise, ". . . the whole village south of the fire would, in all probability, have been in ruins, so great was the fury of the wind." The building was soon replaced by the present Bernardston Inn.

In 1908, John Chapin's old house and barn on Dewey Street, were destroyed by fire. His new residence, now owned by Lena Corkins, had already been built, and was saved by the strenuous work of the firemen. The old house stood south of the present dwelling and east of the barn. Henry Clogston's fine residence on Brattleboro Road burned about 1913, and never was replaced. It stood near the present home of Charles Page. The George Thurber house and barn on Brattleboro Road, north of Walter Grover's, burned in a fire caused by lightning, in 1918, and the James Parker house, in the fork of Northfield and Parmenter Roads, near the present Graydon Waycott site, also burned in that year. Neither house was rebuilt. Harold Streeter's "Brick Store," burned in 1921, and was replaced by the present store. A large two-family house, owned by E. S. Hulbert burned about 1924. It stood on Hoe Shop Road west of the present Sullivan house. In those days, when a building caught fire, it burned to the ground.

Beginning in 1936, the story of Bernardston fires had a different ending, as the town had acquired its fine water system and modern fire-fighting equipment. Since then the fire department has been able to bring fires under control and the partially burned houses have been rebuilt.

The quoted material and a part of the other information came from the *Greenfield Gazette & Courier*.

SYLVAN GROVE

ABOUT 1873, the Connecticut River Railroad purchased approximately eight acres of land for a picnic grove. This property, situated east of the railroad and southwest of the station, was bought by William Kocian for pasture land in 1953. The grove was nicely fitted with a large pavilion with seats along the sides, a raised platform for an orchestra, swings large enough for four people, see-saws, a cookhouse, and was piped for water. A very wide flight of wooden steps led from the tracks up the steep embankment to the grove. The expense, about \$8000, was easily met by

excursions organized by the railroad, and coming from as far away as Holyoke and Springfield. Sometimes these picnickers would hire horses and carriages from the Stratton Livery Stable for a drive around the village. The carriage house stood between the Congregational Church and the present home of William Messer. Bernardston Union Picnics were often held in the grove, and many local families enjoyed its facilities.

"In October, 1900, the timber in 'The Grove,' also the pavilion was sold by the Boston and Maine Railroad to Baxter Burrows by whom the fine trees were felled." (Kellogg History)

Now Sylvan Grove and the sound of dance music, drifting across the village on a summer afternoon are only fading memories for the old timers in the community.

BERNARDSTON BANDS

IN THE earliest days, Bernardston had bands of settlers, Indian bands, bands of defenders, and much later came bands of music. The town has had a succession of brass bands, each thriving for a time and finally folding. A dance program of 1877 says that the Bernardston Quadrille Band played at the Union House in North Bernardston in September of that year, at the fourth annual Cattle Show Dance. (County and other fairs were called "Cattle Shows" in those days and well into the present century.) In 1885, the band went to Huckle Hill to serenade newly-wed Mr. and Mrs. John E. B. Field, the parents of William Field, Sr.

There was once a bandstand on the "Green" or "Common," across School Street from the Dr. Carpenter place; at least one photograph of it still exists.

A band was started in July of 1896, with Rev. Richard E. Birks as leader. This was called the Bernardston Brass Band; it had regular business meetings in addition to practice, a set of officers, a constitution and by-laws, and monthly dues. This band was very successful; it gave concerts in the Town Hall, Cushman Park, in other towns, played at Memorial Day exercises and serenaded newly-weds. At least one young lady played in this band; Hattie Reed was a cornetist in 1898. Mr. Birks resigned in 1898 and Dayton Park was interim leader.

The *Greenfield Gazette and Courier* reported in 1900 that "The band with Albert Warner as director is preparing a big event, with sugar supper, band concert and minstrel show. It is hoped the townspeople will fill the hall and give a little encouragement. During the summer they play gratuitously in the park."

In May of 1898 a bandstand was built east of the New England House (predecessor of the present Inn). A few years later a curious thing happened. Gov. Cushman's will specified that no building should ever be erected in Cushman Park. However, about the turn of the century, the dawn of a certain July Fourth disclosed the bandstand over in the park, all shored up and shipshape. No one would admit any knowledge of how this came about, but everyone knew that the town's young bloods were always playing tricks on the "Night Before the Fourth." Many years later, it was said that Edgar Chapin drove John Chapin's horses, to skid the stand from the old location to the new, with the help of many strong young backs and arms. Leon Nelson and Clarence Streeter were among those taking part.

Before electricity came to Bernardston, illumination for park concerts came from special kerosene lights. The audience strolled about the park. Some horse-and-buggy folks stopped along the park's north and west borders, and when autos became common, many cars were parked on Church and South Streets. Sometimes town organizations sold candy or popcorn. Altogether these were gala summer nights. The bands played for Memorial Day, gave concerts in the Town Hall, serenaded couples just married, and played in other towns. After the bandstand gave out, there were still concerts in the Park, under strings of electric lights.

In each band there was a cross-sectional membership: school-boys to gray-heads, white collar and blue, players from nearby towns, as well as from Bernardston.

Early in the present century the leader was Clarence Brigham of Colrain. In the 1930's his son, Warren, was leader, Edward Snow was manager, Kenneth Howard, assistant manager, and William Messer, Sr., treasurer. June Messer (Kratz) was the band's "Twirler," and Priscilla Nelson (Wiemers) was the "Majorette."

A later leader was Herbert Greuling of Turners Falls. Carl Mesic of Whately was another leader, but about 1940 or 1941 the band broke up, as the boys were entering the Services.

FAMOUS BLIND MAIL CARRIER

MR. ARNOLD SCOTT was for many years the blind mail carrier at Bernardston. He had been blind since he was twenty-one years of age, his sight being destroyed by the explosion of a cannon which he and other young men were using in a Fourth of July celebration. For several years after the accident he did not think it possible for him to do anything, but he at length began to saw

wood. About 1876, he began to carry the mail for one or two families, and presently was making two trips a day the length of South Street, to the post office and back, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. He had a whistle that he blew as he came to the houses, so that if there was mail for him to take it could be brought out. He returned in the same way, blowing the whistle at the houses where he was to leave mail. He was guided, as are other blind persons, by the feeling of the ground and by sounds, in determining where he was.

When his mail was given to him at the post office he would put it into his pockets, of which he had rather more than the average man, and into two or three bags slung over his shoulders or carried in his hands. Occasionally, in distributing mail he would become confused, and then someone on the road looked at what he had and straightened him out. The introduction of rural delivery shortened his route somewhat. When he could see, Mr. Scott was fond of hunting and fishing, and even after his affliction, he followed the trout brooks about Bernardston with success. He also cultivated his ground to some extent. It was Mr. Scott's boast that for fourteen years he had done most of his own cooking, cared for himself, shaved himself, and cut his own hair. Mr. Scott died April 24, 1904 at the age of seventy-eight.

KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD

ONE of the signs of spring in the past was the coming of tramps, who went from house to house asking for something to eat. Sometimes the housewives required them to do a little work, such as bringing in wood, before giving them a hand-out.

Bernardston seems to have been very solicitous of these ne'er-dowells, and had a "Tramp House" standing ready for a night's lodging for them. This shack stood on River Street on the bank above Fall River, south of the present Streeter store, and was furnished with a bunk bed and wood stove. It was burned in 1923, strangely enough on the 4th of July.

The Town Report of 1885 lists a "Transient Pauper Account": care of tramps, \$8.25; Dr. O. A. Wheeler, medical services, \$35.50; Dr. Charles Bowker, medical services, \$10.25. This speaks well for the kindness of the townspeople.

Sixty-nine tramps were cared for in 1896 at a cost of twenty-five cents apiece. That seems to have been the banner year in numbers. From 1900 through 1917, each Town Report shows bills for the care of these wanderers, usually only a few dollars. Sometimes

there was a bill for blankets and wood. As late as 1916 the Report states, "G. M. Clark, care 34 tramps, \$17.00." After 1917, no mention is made of them; it is understood that one of the town fathers took them in his car to Greenfield and turned them over to the proper authorities. Perhaps the beginning of World War I, with its slogan, "Work or Fight," had something to do with the decreasing number of these "Knights of the Road."

GRASS AUCTIONS

THERE was talk in 1904 of having Cushman Park mowed by lawn mower instead of selling the grass at auction. Flowers were planted and walks neatly trimmed at that time, but the old custom continued of selling the grass to the highest bidder. Once each summer on a Saturday evening, if one chanced to visit Crowell's Store (now the Package Store) a group of men would be found sitting on the steps. That would be the night of the auction, with A. S. Atherton as auctioneer. Sometimes the grass brought \$12.00 or \$15.00. After 1918, when only \$5.00 was realized, it was probably decided to mow the park by lawn mower, as no more mention is made of it in the later town reports.

THE STEAM MILL

The old "Steam Mill" stood across the tracks and south of the railroad station. This was built by Hartley Hale for a sawmill, also used for grinding, before he built the mill on Fall River. Once it was used as a place for sorting rags, the business being carried on by the Crowell family. Later it was used for the storage of grain, until it was taken down in 1948 by Raymond Dunnell, owner of the property. It was usually covered with huge circus posters which brought free tickets to the owners.

EARLY AUTOMOBILES

Some of the first automobile owners in town in the early 1900's were: Ervin Barber, with his Orient Buckboard and Stanley Steamer of 1907, Willis Stratton and Edward Carson with their Maxwells, John Chapin with a 1908 two-cylinder Reo, Everett E. Benjamin with one of the high priced cars, a Winton, and Herbert Sanderson with a Selden and a Pope-Hartford. It is said that his chauffeur received \$15 a week, which was good pay for those days. Harry Chapin was one of the first to own a motorcycle and one of the first commuters to Greenfield.

PLAN TO OPERATE IRON MINE

There is a large deposit of iron ore on the farm in Bernardston now owned by George E. Thurber, and there has been some effort made to mine it in the past, though nothing great has resulted. Mr. Thurber has now succeeded in interesting a party of capitalists in New York, and it is hoped that operations will be begun before long which will result in a new industry in the town. (*Springfield Republican* 1906.)

OLD TABLE CUTLERY

James L. Perry of this town is the possessor of a set of table knives manufactured by the E. S. Hulbert Company of Bernardston in 1876. These knives were presented to him by a friend who noticed the word "Bernardston" on the cutlery, after buying them at an auction in Topeka, Kansas, about 1957.

The knives, which have handles of crystal encased in pewter and blades of fine steel, are inscribed with the name "Crystal Cutlery Company, Bernardston, Mass., Pat. Aug. 26, 1876." They are described in the Hulbert Catalogue as "notable for strength, durability, and fineness of finish." Also they are advertised as being "hot water proof and indestructible."

DOING THEIR BIT

The following appeared in the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier* in November, 1917:

"Bernardston has several boys that she feels she can boast a little of in the way they have been doing their "bit" this season to help out the food supply. First there is "Big James Perry," who left his college in Topeka, Kansas, the first of May and came on here to raise a bumper crop on his father's farms. Labor being high and scarce he purchased a tractor and with it did all of his plowing, harrowing, etc., besides doing a lot for his neighbors. Then he put in eight acres corn, two acres beans, some potatoes, vegetables, etc., one field of the corn was considered by good judges the best in Franklin County. He took the entire care of his crops alone and harvested them with a very little outside help and returned to his college Oct. 5th.

"Another boy who has done his bit is Lynn Wyatt. He has raised on his father's land by his own unaided efforts 80 bushels corn, 30 bushels potatoes, six bushels strawberries, three bushels beans, 1½ tons cabbages, 30,000 cucumbers and a lot of garden

vegetables, besides taking care of a lot of hens and has worked out nearly half the time besides. A third boy is Fred Miller, who left high school May 1st, and has done a big summer's work for E. B. Hale, where he lives. Besides his regular work he raised, picked and sold over \$100 worth of cucumbers on one-half acre of land furnished him by Mr. Hale. He did most of this work nights and mornings and odd times that didn't interfere with his regular work. He also cares for a large flock of hens of his own.

"Three sturdy boys are Frank, Elliot and Henry Root, sons of W. H. Root, aged 14, 12 and 11, who left school May 1st, and drafted into work on their father's farm. He being sick for the greater part of the summer these boys carried on the work and raised a large crop of corn (12 acres), 500 bushels potatoes, 200 bushels oats and a lot of vegetables, etc. They have milked 15 cows through the season. Since haying time they have hired one man to work. There are many others deserving of mention, but these show what the boys of Bernardston are made of. Let's hear from the boys in other towns."

THE NEW OVERPASS

October 31, 1939—"Traffic was rumbling for the first time to-day across the new overpass at Hale's crossing in Bernardston, just north of the Greenfield town line, and a grade crossing which had been a nightmare to motorists and the scene of many tragic accidents for years was finally eliminated. The project was begun on May 12, and necessitated cutting away the side of a hill, material from which was used for the fill."

An article in the town warrant of 1905, asks the selectmen to petition the Railroad Commissioners to abolish this crossing. Thirty-four years later it was done.

CRUMP AND FOX

Three green glass bottles are all that now remain of an early Bernardston industry. Two bottles are in the possession of the Donaldson family and William Field, Jr., has the third. These bottles are of "bottle green" color, about eight inches tall, with long necks, and hold about three-quarters of a pint. On one side, cast in the glass, is "Crump and Fox, Bernardston Mass."; on the other side, "Superior Soda Water." Little is known about this business and it was probably of short duration. It is not known whether the industry consisted of making the bottles or of making

the "Superior Soda Water." Mr. Crump remains a mystery, as his name is not mentioned in the Kellogg History. The only record available is his name on the bottle.

The Fox brothers, Noah and William, came to Bernardston about 1750. Noah was "warned from town" in 1780; reason not stated. William, the father of twenty Foxes, lived on the west side of Fox Hill Road near a shed on the present James Perry property. The cellar hole and a large stone covering a well can still be seen.

Jared, one of William's sons, settled in Bernardston and may have lived on the old place on Fox Hill. Jared's son, Eli, once kept the New England House for several years, and it is surmised that he conducted the bottle-soda-water business.

Chapter IV

EARLY AND PRESENT-DAY BUSINESSES

BERNARDSTON in 1900 was a community of small farms, with a population of 792 and 222 voters. It was said that Bernardston has always been, and probably always will be essentially an agricultural and educational town. The passing years have brought many changes. While in the early days there were many small industries which used water power from Fall River, in 1900 the only manufacturing was the E. S. Hulbert Company. At the site of the old iron works on Fall River, Mr. Hulbert, in 1852, had begun the manufacture of hoes—whence the name, “Hoe Shop Road.” Later mason’s trowels, rakes and corn-knives were made, and finally a high-grade line of butchers’ and kitchen cutlery was the principal product. This factory employed about twenty-five men at the turn of the century. After Mr. Hulbert’s death in 1906, his partners, Henry Crowell and Alonzo Alford, continued the business for a time. Nichols Brothers of Greenfield, forerunners of Greenfield Tap and Die, bought the plant and business about 1911, soon transferring most operations to Greenfield. The old factory was closed for good about 1913, except as individuals have done private work there. The picturesque old building was still standing in 1960.

Lumbering was an important industry in the early 1900’s, with John Chapin doing an extensive business. His sawmill on Fall River, now owned by Raymond Dunnell, was a busy place, with logs piled clear up to River Street. The area east and south of the railroad station was covered with piles of boards and ties. Chestnut trees were plentiful in those days and one source of income for the farmers was the cutting of railroad ties. The chestnut trees have been gone for many years, victims of a blight. One of the pleasures of late autumn was the gathering of chestnuts, which the stores sometimes took in trade. The cutting of telephone poles for the New England Telephone Company, to be used for farmers’ lines in northern New England, was another source of income; for a time a carload was shipped each day.

Large quantities of sweet corn were raised about 1904 and sold to a Brattleboro cannery. This was given up in 1907 as the returns were unsatisfactory. The raising of cucumbers was an important

crop for some time. About 1914, the Jewett Company of South Deerfield bought them for pickling and stored them in huge brine-filled vats across the tracks from the railroad station. Tobacco has never been a major crop here, as much of Bernardston's soil is unsuited for its growth. Small amounts have been raised from time to time, from the 1890's to 1950. One tobacco barn still stands on Burke Flat meadow.

For many years, the main industry was dairy farming. At one time milk was collected each day from thirty-three farms, and carried in large cans to the railroad station for shipment. In 1960, there were few residents engaged in the dairy business.

There were two blacksmith shops in Bernardston years ago. Egbert E. Cairns, blacksmith and wheelwright, owned a shop on Dewey Street, which he operated until 1903, when it was taken over by Edward Carson. Fred Allen operated a shop on River Street for many years. After his death in 1935, it was soon purchased by Harold Streeter and used for storage. Farther down the street and south of the William Kocian place was Cook's shop, pond, and ice house. Charles O. Cook, wheelwright and woodworker, came to Bernardston in 1888 and ran the shop for many years. Ice was cut there each winter and Cook's pond was always a popular place for skating. The wooden dam gave way about 1922, the pond drained, and the buildings in disrepair, were taken down in 1930.

When the Hulbert Cutlery closed, several of the employees found work in the factories of Greenfield, travelling on the trains, which ran frequently in those days. Then the industrial activity due to World War I gave further employment to shop workers. Other Bernardston residents found work in offices and stores in Greenfield. Less and less farming was done and Bernardston gradually became the commuter town of today.

Although there are no factories in Bernardston, belching black smoke from homely smokestacks, many small businesses do exist. There are several restaurants and snack bars, including the Four Leaf Clover, operated by Charles Skiathitis, and the Lunch Box, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Scott, on South Street just below Cushman Park. Bernardston Inn, the New England House of olden days, has been a very famous hostelry. The Inn suffered partial burning and a shooting affray in 1960. The Chase House, in North Bernardston, formerly Eck Inn, after a disastrous fire in 1960, is about ready to serve the public once more. A field, opposite the Chase House, contains a dance pavilion which was once the Northfield Railroad Station; here auctions are held weekly in

the summer and the Old Home Day Association holds its horse-drawing contests and other festivities on "Old Home Day" in July. Hollywood, owned by Clarence Forbes, in North Bernardston, serves as a combined restaurant and motel, the latter called Sunset Motor Court. Other motels are: Wilbur Fallon's Pioneer Valley Motel and Mrs. William Brightman's Bernardston Motel, both on South Street. Also on South Street, the Morning Star Rest Home, owned by Rev. Ralph Jelley, caters principally to elderly people and there are also private homes in town where care for the aged may be obtained.

Lucius Stark's Evergreen Nursery, on the Brattleboro Road, has a brisk roadside business as well as sales by order.

Raymond Dunnell's gristmill, on River Street, is a busy place. Many farmers obtain grain there and corn is brought to be ground and possibly added to a mixed feed. This is one of the few gristmills in the state which still uses water power for grinding. A winter's supply of coal can also be purchased here.

Several stores meet the various grocery and dry goods needs of townspeople. On Church Street, L. L. Harris and Son's store features Red and White products while Streeter's Bernardston Auto Exchange, Inc. carries a variety of goods; meats, groceries, dry goods, farm machinery, auto accessories, and Mobil gas. There are also two Package Stores in Bernardston, one in the center of town and one in North Bernardston.

Several service stations are located in town; Norman Drew's, Way Foss', and Julia Lailer's in North Bernardston; Fritz's Texaco Station and Livermore's Garage on South Street; Deane's Cities Service in the center of town. So many service stations guarantee that cars are "fed and fixed" without much travelling and service is available in all parts of the village. On South Street, Myron Barber and Sons conduct a used car business.

The Bernardston Welding Company, Inc., owned by Harry Seager, is located just over the line in Greenfield. Clarence T. Caldwell owns the Franklin Tree Expert Company, Inc. on South Street.

Haskell and Sons conduct a wholesale and retail lumber business on Brattleboro Road in North Bernardston. The builders in town are Lea and Deane, Edward Davis, and Gerald Poirier. Henry Deane and his son, James, do a paint and paper-hanging business.

Edwin Damon has a thriving business in cedar posts and fences on the Northfield Road and the B & B Motor Sales ("Bud" Streeter and "Bud" Foster) is found on the same highway. The Bernardston Auto Wrecking Company, run by Steven Siciak, is

located on Turners Falls Road in East Bernardston. Off Shaw Road is found the Slaughter House.

Norman J. Duprey, owner of the Sunbrite Farm, on West Mountain Road, does a large wholesale and retail milk business in surrounding towns as well as Bernardston. Louis Pratt, on South Street, is in the business of buying and selling cattle. The Deane Brothers do custom farming which includes plowing, mowing, and baling.

Morgan Insurance Agency is on Center Street. Bud and June Foster, Cola Nelson, and Louis Pratt deal in real estate.

Inglewood Cabins, located off Bald Mountain Road, owned by the David Messers, is a camping area with cabins for rent. Motorists or tourists may do their own housekeeping in these cabins for several weeks or they may stay only overnight.

Clearwater Camping Center is a new enterprise found on Purple Meadow Road in East Bernardston. The Barber Boys, owners, have built a lodge, have dug a well and pond, have built fireplaces, and have prepared the camp site for any persons who have camp trailers or wish to pitch a tent.

There is a thriving maple sugar business in Bernardston. Howard Grover for many years has made and sold maple syrup at his sugarhouse on Fall River off Burke Flat Road. The Streeter Brothers operate their sugar business on Huckle Hill Road and were the first in town to use plastic pipe lines for gathering sap. Maple syrup is also made by William Underwood and Sons on Chapin Road and Clarence Gray of Fox Hill Road.

The old red wooden sap buckets are now a thing of the past, having been replaced by pails, plastic bags, and pipe lines. During the "boiling" season, visitors are invited to observe the process at these sugarhouses and many groups take advantage of this opportunity to watch "sugaring."

Some additional businesses are: Fred and Paul Donaldson's Ryther House Barn located on Brattleboro Road, which advertises 10,000 antiques, Richard Zehnter's Four Columns Antiques on South Street, Laurence Newton's Fall River Print Shop, on Bald Mountain Road, and Lee's Beauty Shop on Church Street, owned by Lena Corkins.

At present there exists an Economic Development Committee, appointed in March, 1961, to study conditions and to interest small businesses and industries in locating in Bernardston. An advisory board was later appointed to work with the original committee. This group has met several times and recommends further study.

Chapter V

UTILITIES

BERNARDSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

ONE Monday evening in September of 1908, there was held in the Bernardston Town Hall, a special meeting to consider matters pertaining to better fire protection for the town. It was voted to procure a hose cart, water pails and three hundred feet of additional hose. Fred B. Denison was chosen as chief engineer, and he, together with a committee of five, consisting of Arthur H. Nelson, Edward N. Carson, Irwin B. Hale, Leon O. Burrows and Warren H. Root, were to complete plans for the organization of a fire company. This action was a result of a fire in the center of town the last part of August when John Chapin's team barn and his old home, located just east of the barn, burned. Mr. Chapin's new home, now owned by Lena Corkins, was on fire several times, but through the efforts of men, women and children, was saved with very little damage. It is interesting to note that the hose cart cost \$54.00; three hundred feet of hose, \$53.75; and miscellaneous equipment, \$2.50. Edward Carson was paid \$9.00 for care of fire equipment.

In 1910, Mr. Edward E. Benjamin was named Fire Warden at a salary of \$5.00. His expenses for the year were \$1.65, and Harry Hargraves, who was injured at a fire, was reimbursed the sum of \$20.00.

For the next several years the old hand pumper, hose cart and a few ladders were stored, together with the hearse, in the building in the rear of the Town Hall. With modes of transportation being slower in those days, generally by the time somebody hitched up a horse and drove to the Town Hall to fetch the pumper and hose cart, either the fire had gone out or the building burned up. It was used quite successfully at a few fires in the center of town.

One July 3rd, after the hand pumper had outlived its best days, a group of spirited young men took it on what was supposed to be its last ride. The town fathers apparently did not approve, and the old pumper was restored and put into very good working order.

At times the townspeople talked of a water system and in 1916,

a meeting was held and a motion to build a water system for \$32,000.00 was lost. World War I came along then and nothing more was done about a system until 1929.

The Town of Bernardston bought its first piece of motorized fire equipment in 1925. It consisted of a Model T Ford with two forty-gallon chemical tanks, two hundred feet of hose and fifty water pails, costing \$1900.00. This addition to the Fire Department was considered quite a forward step and several buildings were actually saved by its use. At this time Herman A. Wiemers was appointed Forest Warden serving until 1929, when Waldo E. Prentice was appointed to the position. Harold S. Streeter was appointed Fire Warden in 1932, and served for over twenty years.

A bill was passed in the legislature creating the Bernardston Fire and Water District in 1930. By 1937, the water system was built and for the first time water was available in the main part of the town which could be used for fire fighting.

In 1938, the town purchased a new V8 Ford truck for \$615.00 equipped with a front-end Barton pump with four hundred gallon per minute capacity. The pump with some hose cost \$1125.00.

In order to get a lower insurance rating it was necessary to have a five hundred gallon per minute pump, so in 1941, the town traded for another V8 Ford truck, this time getting one with a cab on it. This truck is still in service being used as a forest fire truck. This same year the town purchased a large siren to be used as a fire alarm. A short blast is sounded each Saturday at 12:05 p.m. to make sure all is in good working order.

In 1945, the town voted to form a Volunteer Fire Department with the selectmen appointing a group of not more than twelve engineers, who would elect from their group a chief, and any other officers, they felt were necessary. It was their duty to run the Fire Department. Oscar R. Woodard was the first chief under this system, holding the position until 1948. Wendell E. Streeter was then elected, serving to the present time.

At the annual town meeting in March, 1954, on request of the engineers, the town appropriated \$10,000.00 to buy and equip a new truck to supplement the 1941 Ford. This was delivered in December of that year, a much needed addition to the Department.

In 1955, with the help of Fred A. Donaldson, the Fire Department conducted a very successful drive for funds to purchase an Emerson Resuscitator which has proved to be most useful. Both trucks were equipped with radios in 1956, and a portable set was

also purchased. This is used to keep in contact with the trucks when they are out or to take into the woods during forest fires.

Realizing that many fires could be put out with very little damage if fire extinguishers were available in the home, the engineers, in conjunction with the observance of Fire Prevention Week, conducted a house to house drive in October, 1959. Approximately one hundred extinguishers were sold to the townspeople.

Periodically fire schools are run to train new members of the Department and they also serve as review sessions for veteran members. General fire fighting practices are taught by instructors approved by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

The engineers meet weekly during the summer months and every two weeks in the winter. At these meetings, usually held on Monday nights, the men do necessary maintenance work on the equipment, check to make sure it is operating properly and practice fire fighting techniques. Since the Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1945, the following have served as engineers: Duane Bliss, Harold Coates, Clarence Deane, Hulbert Denison, Paul Donaldson, David Dwight, Alfred Flagg, Walter Grover, Sr., Harold Hale, Clifford Harris, Charles Herrick, Roy Herrick, Donald Lenois, James McCrea, Cola Nelson, Irah Snow, Elmore Streeter, Ernest Streeter, Holman Whitaker and Junior Wiemers.

Bernardston is one of the original member towns of the Tri-State Mutual Aid System formed in 1949. Tri-State covers the territory from Northampton to Keene and Athol to Charlemont, an overall area of about 1,100 square miles, with approximately forty-five member towns. The Greenfield Fire Department serves as the dispatch headquarters and all calls for additional equipment or fire fighters are either phoned or radioed there. The men on duty, in turn dispatch the necessary equipment or men from the nearest available point. At the center there is a complete list of equipment owned by each of the member departments. If the local department finds it necessary to use both of the trucks at a fire, Tri-State sends a truck to stand by at headquarters (Bernardston Auto Exchange, Inc.) in case another fire call comes in. In 1959, the Civil Air Patrol became affiliated with Tri-State. The use of airplane observers during forest fires can often shorten the time needed to extinguish the blaze. Each member town pays yearly dues of \$10.00 which are used to cover administrative expenses.

For the past several years Bernardston has had a very good

Volunteer Fire Department and in time of need all of the townspeople have been very cooperative in helping one another in whatever emergencies have arisen.

THE BERNARDSTON FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT

THE question of a water supply for the Town of Bernardston appeared periodically in the news as early as 1900, but the campaign for a water system in Bernardston began in earnest at the annual meeting in March, 1915, when the following vote was passed:

“That a committee be appointed by the Moderator, of which he shall act as one member, to make investigation as to the possible sources and the feasibility of getting a water supply for the village.”

Hugh E. Adams, moderator of the meeting, appointed Dr. Willard H. Pierce and John W. Chapin to serve with him on this committee. Reports were secured from four different engineers including one from the State Department of Health and one from the New England Insurance Exchange. Mill Brook (also called West Mountain or Barton Brook) seemed to be the most likely site and the reports and estimates were based on this location. Some questioned the reliability of this supply but the committee wrote in their report:

“Your committee begs to state that no apprehension need be felt as to the possible failure of the water supply if taken from the source mentioned in the several reports (Mill Brook) as the State Board of Health have accumulated data for many years as to the rainfall and runoff of the water-sheds of the various streams of the state and you will see by their report that they consider the supply adequate.”

The committee's report was apparently not enough to convince the voters that a water system would benefit the town. No action was taken on this proposal, and mention of a water system virtually disappeared from the records for fourteen years.

The period from March 4, 1929, when an article appeared in the Town Report asking that the town vote to appoint a committee to negotiate with the Town of Greenfield to supply Bernardston with water, until the completion of the construction of our own separate system in 1936, marked the real beginning of the

present day Fire and Water District. It did not come about easily. Both those favoring the water system, and those opposing it were well organized, and the entire seven-year period was marked with petitions, counter-petitions, special meetings, protest meetings and disputes.

In 1930, as a result of a petition through Representative David I. Walsh of Clinton, and with the aid of J. B. Kennedy of Greenfield, the Bernardston Fire and Water District was formed by act of legislation in the State House in Boston. A meeting of the inhabitants and voters of that part of the town within the boundaries of the newly formed Fire and Water District was held on July 18, 1930. The meeting was called to order by Herman A. Wiemers, one of the petitioners, who presided and read the warrant. Myron E. Barber was chosen clerk and Frank R. Foster, Sr. was elected moderator. Herman Wiemers described the boundaries of the Bernardston Fire and Water District and it was voted to accept the Act establishing the District. Howard Moat was then elected clerk, Myron Barber, treasurer, with the following Water Commissioners: Herman A. Wiemers, three years; John W. Chapin, two years and Warren H. Root, one year.

Money was scarce in 1930, and the voters waited. Several local men were actively interested in the early district and by 1933 Fred A. Donaldson joined the officers of the district in the struggle for an adequate water system. Government aid was available at the time, under the acts of the early Roosevelt administration, and it was discovered that the town could receive a 30% grant from the government if it decided to build a water system then. Sensing that this was a favorable time to build, as the Government money would not always be available, Mr. Donaldson circulated a letter to the voters of the district, pointing out to them the need for and advantages of a water system. But the opposition had questions. Where would the water be stored? Two proposed plans were set up, one calling for a reservoir on Mill Brook, one calling for a storage tank. If the town decided on a storage tank, where would it be built? Mr. Donaldson offered to donate land on Fox Hill for that purpose. Was he legally entitled to do this? Papers were produced, proving the title to the land had been cleared. How much would the tax rate increase? Donaldson produced figures to prove that, should the District decide to build a water system, the lowering of fire insurance rates would more than offset the increase in the tax rate, thus actually saving money for the voters. Could the District afford to build both its own storage tank and pumping

system? It was decided to buy the water from Greenfield thus saving the cost of building and maintaining a separate pumping system.

A warrant was posted late in November, engineers from Boston were contacted to come and speak to the members of the group, and on December 22, 1933, it came to a vote. In a heated meeting, lasting from 8:00 to 11:15 p.m., the proposed plan was defeated. Donaldson and the committee went back to work.

In 1935 a new development arose. The money available from Federal sources increased to 45% of the total cost. Another warrant was posted and again the proposed plan was called to a vote, and on October 21, the Bernardston Fire and Water District, by a vote of 161 to 49 agreed to begin work on a water system, and Harold Streeter, Warren Root and Grenville Moat were chosen as a committee to negotiate with the water commissioners of Greenfield to make a fixed price for water. Tension eased and in December 1935, contracts were let to Sam Failla of Greenfield for construction of a concrete reservoir and another to Warner Brothers and Goodwin, Inc., of Sunderland for installation of the cast iron mains. However, there were more obstacles. The Town of Greenfield agreed to furnish Bernardston with water but the price was prohibitive. The District was left with a "dry" system, a reservoir and water lines, but no source of water.

More time was lost when the voters of the District defeated a request for \$13,000.00 to finance "the construction of a pumping station and all its appurtenances." On July 2, 1936, the money was finally voted and work on the water system continued under the direction of the Water Commissioners. Tests were made and an adequate source of water, which passed all requirements and was of excellent quality, was found on the Garbose and Kumin property near the Greenfield line, site of the present wells. The land was purchased for \$1500.00, the contract for a dug well thirty feet deep, twelve feet in diameter and the station was signed with Warner Brothers and Goodwin, Inc., and work began on the pumping system which would pump the water to the 500,000 gallon tank on Fox Hill, the same tank which is in use today on the property donated by Commissioner Donaldson. The Turbine Equipment Company of New England contracted with the District to furnish and install the pumping equipment consisting of two pumps of one hundred gallons per minute capacity with measuring devices and automatic controls.

It is interesting to note that the final agreement as to the

amount of water needed, the location of the reservoir and water source and cost of construction was very close to the estimate drawn up by the original 1915 committee. It speaks well for their foresight. The Water Commissioners, Herman Wiemers, Chairman, Fred Donaldson and John Chapin, deserve a great deal of credit for their efforts and perseverance which finally brought to Bernardston its excellent water system.

The District has been continually enlarging since its 1930 beginning. By 1940 it became evident that the water mains should be extended. The necessary funds were voted and additional mains were laid on West Mountain Road, Cross Street to River Street, south on River Street to Hoe Shop Road, Northfield Road to Casey Brook, Parmenter Road to Harwood Drive, Bald Mountain Road to Clarence Pratt's and up Huckle Hill Road to the Frank Oakes residence. This completed the District as it was originally laid out. Periodically since then, short additions have been made to benefit new construction and to tie in lines.

In 1950 the District was legally enlarged to include the Bald Mountain Road section as far as Burke Flat Road to Fall River, providing the impetus for the considerable building which has gone on in this area since then.

During 1954 about nine thousand feet of ten-inch main were laid by B. L. Frye, Inc., of Orange along Route 5 north to the Forbes property. This was a boundary extension done under the Enabling Act of 1952. Facts and figures were made available to the voters as to its effect on the taxpayer, but opposition was practically nil. The voters had apparently been thoroughly convinced by the early arguments for water.

Due to these increases in the length of the system, it became apparent during the dry summers of 1954 and 1956 that the present system was not sufficient. Tests were made in the vicinity of the original well to see if another source could be found. The first one was disappointing. At a depth of seventy-two feet a ledge was struck, and the well produced only ten gallons per minute. Another test was made, closer to the old well. This time the results were satisfactory. It produced, on a test, four hundred gallons per minute from a source independent of the old well. An article was brought before the voters and approved, and the well house, built by Cooke and Jones, Inc., of Greenfield, contractors, and the gravel packed well, approximately sixty-eight feet deep, constructed by Edwin H. Hartley of Turners Falls, were finished in

1959. The new pump has a two hundred gallon per minute capacity.

At the time when the Bald Mountain Road extension was installed, provision was made at the Burke Flat intersection for a six-inch main to tee from the original ten-inch main on Route 5 across Burke Flat and Fall River to complete a circuit by joining the Bald Mountain extension there. This extension was voted in 1958, but before work could begin, complications arose. The Massachusetts Department of Public Works was constructing new Route 91 across the same area, and on their advice the project was delayed until their work was under way. In due time, after the new highway was laid out, the contract was let to the G. Ferrante Corporation of Greenfield and the tie-in between Bald Mountain Road and Route 5 was completed in 1960.

From the original installation to date, the whole system has been constructed in such a way that the maintenance cost has been very reasonable. For the year 1960, records show that a total of 57,918,330 gallons of water were supplied by the three pumps to satisfy the needs of the users.

After serving its voters with water and fire protection service for twenty-five years, the Bernardston Fire and Water District continues to demonstrate its worth, in fact, demonstrates it so well that today there is little opposition and in some instances almost no interest in the business of the District. Many people have given freely of their time and ability in serving the Fire and Water District. 1960 Water Commissioners were: Richard C. Phelps, Delvy M. Field and Clifford B. Grover; Clerk and Treasurer, Lynn A. Wyatt. It is worthy of mention that Lynn Wyatt has served as treasurer since 1935 and as clerk of the District since 1936.

Since its modest beginning, when it served thirty-three users, the District now serves three hundred twenty. The credit, however, belongs to the early members through whose foresight we enjoy all the benefits of an adequate supply of water for household use and fire protection.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRIOR to the year 1954, there was no formally organized police department. Constables were elected at the annual town meeting and special police officers and acting chiefs were appointed by the selectmen. Perhaps the chief with the longest term of service was the late Harold S. Streeter. Mr. Streeter served the town for

approximately twenty-five years without salary. His only reimbursement was for traveling expenses and telephone charges.

Following Mr. Streeter's service, the late C. Raymond Deane was appointed acting chief. Mr. Deane died performing the duties of his office while directing traffic at a fire at Leon Wood's on Hoe Shop Road in 1953. Mr. Deane's son, Russell, was appointed to the position of acting chief in 1954. During his term of office the constables attended training sessions given Greenfield reserve officers. They also worked with the selectmen and the State Department of Public Works to set up and adopt some motor vehicle laws for the town and to have several stop signs approved.

Monthly meetings with officers from neighboring towns have been attended by the constables and chief, to study law-enforcement. Speakers on related subjects have proved beneficial to those attending.

In 1958, a red light was placed on the belfry of the town hall to summon the officers in an emergency. Also, a red and blue flashing light was purchased for the chief's car. A mouth-to-mask resuscitator was purchased in 1960 to be carried in the chief's car at all times and in 1961, a two-way radio was added to the equipment.

As the town has grown and progressed, the need of a police department has become evident. The purchasing of equipment gradually through the years and the advance in knowledge of law-enforcement has greatly increased the efficiency of the force.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM

THE first telephone communication in Bernardston before the turn of the century was between the homes of Erwin M. Streeter and Arthur H. Nelson on Bald Mountain Road. The instrument consisted of a wooden frame (called a drum head) covered with sheep skin and connected in the center by a fine copper wire. Calls were made from one house to the other by rapping on the drum head with a spoon. Later a school bell with tongue and handle removed was attached to the drum head improving the quality of the sound.

In February, 1901, the first local exchange was installed in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Holton on Center Street (the Snow residence). The equipment included a magneto type board operated by members of the Holton family and served six subscribers. The Holtons soon moved this exchange to Church Street (later the Arthur Nelson residence) and employed Mrs. Raymond

Atherton (Blanch Chapin) as a day operator with Harry Hargraves as the night operator. At this time, the day operator labored from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week with Sunday afternoon off, for the sum of \$3.00 per week.

Brothers, Cola and Arthur Nelson, took over the system in 1903, when it was known as the Bernardston and Gill Company. Mrs. Arthur Nelson (Nellie May) served as operator and bookkeeper and traveled by horse and buggy delivering and collecting bills in Leyden, Gill and throughout the town. Other "Hello Girls" employed by the Nelsons were Mrs. Raymond Atherton, Mrs. Ernest Wood (Susan Dunklee), Nellie Longwell and Mrs. Clyde Gove (Doris Shedd). The wages were increased by this time to \$5.00 per week. When assistance was needed for a fire, two long and two short rings were sent over every line and the men responded to the call.

This system was sold to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company about 1914, when the office was moved to the Edward Felter residence on Church Street and a new type switchboard was installed. The exchange was operated by the Felters, the Hugh Adamses and later by the Herbert Grahams.

Mrs. Tryphena Hopkinson was in charge of the exchange from 1932 to 1940, when the dial system was installed. At this time a small brick building, which was enlarged in 1959, was built between the Post Office and Cushman Hall on Church Street. On May 1st, Bernardston cut over from magneto to community dial. The first call was passed by Melvin A. Denison, Chairman of the Selectmen. The cut was made in a smooth and efficient manner and the town was very much pleased with the new service.

Bernardston was included in the Greenfield exchange October 1, 1954, thereby eliminating toll charges between the two towns and marking another step forward in the history of the town.

BERNARDSTON POST OFFICE

THERE have been many changes in the postal service in Bernardston during the past sixty years. In 1900, the office had a fourth class rating and all mail was brought into the town by railroad. The mail in 1961 is carried to town by truck or automobile. The office business has increased steadily because of the rise in population and the gradual increase in the use of the mails for personal and business use, and the office now has a third class rating.

The first post office was located in the southeast room of the old Ryther house, now owned by Fred A. Donaldson. Dr. Ryther was postmaster at this location from 1813 to 1839. Lt. Gov. Henry W. Cushman moved the office to Cushman Tavern when he succeeded Dr. Ryther as postmaster. The post office made many moves in subsequent years, first to a site where Harris' Store is now located and then to a small building near Goodale Academy. The office moved to a new building on the corner of Church and Center Streets (near the present Cities Service Station) about 1866, and remained there for some years until its removal to the Old Brick Store (site of the present Bernardston Auto Exchange). Again it was moved to Depot Street to the home owned now by Alfred Deane but at that time it housed a general store in the north end with the office located on the south. On November 15, 1930, the office was moved for the final time to its present location on Church Street. It is hoped that at some future time, a final move can be made into a Federal building near the center of town which would adequately provide for the increased business of the office and the town.

Bernardston has the distinction of having one of the first rural routes in the country, and it may be tied with Greenfield for having the first rural route in New England. Rural service was established here six months after the rural mail service bill passed Congress and the first delivery was made on November 2, 1896. Early rural carriers were: Ralph Park, Miles Carpenter, Frank Fairman, Alfred Flagg, Leon Nelson and the present carrier, Fred G. Huber. Many changes have taken place since this route was first established. Originally, part of Greenfield and Guilford were serviced from this office but, with the addition of the Leyden route of Colrain and West Leyden, Greenfield and part of the Guilford route was dropped. In November, 1961, the Huckle Hill section was added, making a total of 50.42 miles covered by this office. East Bernardston is served by a carrier from Turners Falls.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Nelson's first pay was \$72.00 per month back in 1906, and he had to furnish his own conveyance. At first he made the trip with horses and during the winter months often resorted to snowshoes in order to make his deliveries. Mr. Nelson retired March 31, 1941, after thirty-four and one-half years of continuous service. Also, worthy of note is the fact that two men, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Huber, have faithfully covered the route in all kinds of weather since 1906.

Postmasters since 1900 have been: Fred Bardwell, Irwin Hale,

Mrs. Mae Atherton, Harold E. Cairns and Hazel M. Cairns. Mrs. Cairns has been postmaster since September, 1931, the longest term of service of any postmaster in the town to date.

ACETYLENE GAS COMPANY

THE Bernardston Acetylene Light Company was formed in 1905 with a capital stock of \$2500. A plant was built on the west side of Depot Street about opposite the Baptist Church. The main pipe was laid from the Congregational Church to the hotel corner, thence as far south as L. Dwight Slate's, then north from the post office on the corner of Church and Center Streets as far as W. E. Cushman's (now William S. Prescott's) on Center Street. The Library, Town Hall, Baptist and Congregational Churches and a few private residences were soon piped for gas. This utility did not last many years as electricity soon took its place.

ELECTRICITY

THE Greenfield Electric Light and Power Company petitioned for pole locations in the streets of Bernardston as early as April, 1910. In 1911 the company entered into street lighting contracts with Bernardston and Northfield. Besides furnishing street lights to the two communities, it delivered commercial light and power. This work was finished in 1911, and an article in the town report of that year asks for \$600 for the purpose of lighting the streets. More lights have been added from time to time. Street lights, better lighting for homes, and the use of electrical appliances greatly improved living conditions. The present generation can hardly appreciate or understand what a wonderful boon the coming of electricity was to the town.

BERNARDSTON RAIL ERA PASSES

REMOVAL of the old railroad station in July, 1949, marked the end of an era of railroading begun here in 1846, when the Connecticut River Line, taken over fifty years later by the Boston and Maine Railroad, was constructed through the town.

A half-century ago the railroad business was active here. Several well-patronized trains and a number of freights stopped every day. When the trolleys were running from Greenfield to Springfield, the railroad competed by selling tickets for this thirty-six-mile stretch for fifty cents.

For many years, trains were used by workers and students going to Greenfield or points beyond, and even if they were sometimes delayed, there was always a warm place to wait and someone to talk with by the old flat-topped stove. Commutation tickets were cheap for those who travelled every day, and for those who used the trains frequently, there were ten- or twenty-dollar mileage books, at two cents a mile or less.

The station agents of those days were busy men who held responsible positions and worked long hours. Sometimes an extra man was needed for the night shift. The agent also had the extra job of being telegrapher, as there was a Western Union office in the station. One agent, Obed Dickinson, worked for the Connecticut River Railroad for forty years, possibly all that time in Bernardston. Other agents employed for long periods were Sam Bachelder, Richard Price, and Harry Foley.

East and west of the station, long woodsheds stood near the track where fuel was kept for the wood-burning engines of early days. One Bernardston citizen recalled in 1949, that seventy years ago eleven hundred cords of wood were cut by a gang of French wood choppers and brought down from a distant woodlot on Huckle Hill. Wood was probably not used much after the 1870's. The western shed burned one Sunday night about 1900; the other had disappeared much earlier. At the eastern end there stood a freight house, later moved away to be used as a barn, and a large circular brick tank where engines could take on water. The water was piped from Fox Brook back of the Col. Ferry buildings (now Warren Taylor's). The overflow from this tank supplied a horse watering trough across the road from the station. When water was low in the tank there was nothing for the horses. Both tank and trough have been gone for many years.

After the burning of the last woodshed, a lawn and flower beds appeared west of the station, and a prosperous Boston and Maine Railroad offered prizes for the best looking grounds along the road. Richard Price won the prize for Bernardston twice.

In 1938, after the September hurricane, the local station came briefly to life and was open day and night while trains were re-routed and tracks repaired. After that, it went to sleep again while an average of one and one-tenth passengers used the two trains each day.

The picturesque stone railroad bridge of four arches crossing Fall River is just east of the site of the old station.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

THE coming of automobiles in the early 1900's created a road problem, as, during the summer months, the dirt roads became extremely dry. Every auto raised a continuous cloud of dust. The main roads were well oiled by 1915, when over 8000 gallons of oil were used. Calcium chloride later took the place of oil. There were no hard-surfaced roads in town until 1929, when Ralph Deane was appointed superintendent. He applied the first tar, which was on Center Street.

The few new town roads which have been built during the last sixty years are: School Road, leading from South Street to the Elementary School; Harwood Drive; the relocation of the southern section of Bald Mountain Road; and "Cedar Lane," the road to the new town dump. Routes 5 and 10, and Route 5, state roads, were paved in the early 1920's, and a new short section was built, extending from Fox Hill Road to the James Perry place, eliminating a bad curve on the road past Fred Donaldson's. This old road is now called Burrows Turnpike. The South Street grade crossing was finally replaced by an overpass in 1939, although the selectmen had petitioned the Railroad Commissioners for it, thirty-four years before.

Keets Brook Road has been widened, raised and paved to the Leyden line, and the Huckle Hill Road paved to the Vernon line. Only a few dirt roads remain. A previously discontinued road leading from Bald Mountain Road to the William Field, Sr., place has been made passable. The Pioneer Valley Association advertises Keets Brook Road and Couch Brook Road, the latter a dirt road, for those who enjoy hiking along woodland ways.

The old iron bridges have all been replaced by concrete ones: two in North Bernardston in 1920; Fall River bridge on Route 10, replacing the so-called "Iron Bridge," in 1923; West Mountain Road bridge in 1929, and the highway overpass, "Dry Bridge," on Northfield Road in 1931. Others were: Hoe Shop Road bridge over Fall River in 1957; Burke Flat and Route 10 bridges, also over Fall River, in 1959, at the time of the construction of Highway 91. This Route 10 bridge replaced the 1923 concrete structure mentioned above.

INTERSTATE HIGHWAY NINETY-ONE

ANYONE who lived in Bernardston before 1959 will remember the millpond just north of Frank Deane's house on the Northfield Road. At this point the boys and girls used to fish in spring

and summer, and skate in winter; sometimes grown-ups were out there too. There was frequently a rowboat on the water. This pond was a Fall River setback from the dam a quarter mile downstream. The area presented a fine scene from anywhere near: the beauty of the pond itself, cows grazing in adjacent pastures, glimpses of houses on Bald Mountain Road and in the village, the surrounding meadows and trees, the hills in the background, and all these reflected on the millpond's surface. These views were beautiful indeed, and added greatly to the attractiveness of Bernardston.

Now *PROGRESS* has come to this area. The pond is gone, filled many feet deep with earth. Gone are the fishermen, the cows, the boat; gone the reflections. All gone. In their places are the straight north-south lines of the new Highway 91 and the curves of the interchange with the Northfield Road. The distant hills remain; the bulldozers haven't leveled them—yet.

In the same manner various other landmarks and beauty spots were gobbled up by the voracious 91. These include a goodly part of the planted pine grove that was Dr. Shores' satisfaction and pride; the Cronyn-Lunt pond in the woods; the old Ashley house that was an early Baptist meeting-house. Also the concrete bridge across Fall River at the start of the Northfield Road; this structure appeared to be in prime condition, but was removed nevertheless, and a new bridge with wider roadway was built a few feet upstream. A local wag reported that the engineers found the old bridge riddled by termites.

Under the Federal Highway Act of 1957, a new north-south highway was planned to follow the Connecticut River Valley. It was given the number 91 and is a part of the Interstate Highway System. It is a dual highway, with limited access—no entrance or exit except at interchange points. It enters Massachusetts from Vermont at the Bernardston north line, runs southerly and southwesterly through Bernardston, and west of the center of Greenfield, thence southward. In Bernardston, all the northerly part is on the east of Fall River; it crosses to the west side opposite the Miller house on River Road. At several river bends, cutoff channels were opened to keep the river west of the road.

Southward from the Vermont line, Route 91 skirts the western foot of East Mountain and Bald Mountain. It runs between Bald Mountain Road and the Old Cemetery; this location necessitated a new access road to the Cemetery, running south from the Burke Flat Road. The road is appropriately marked "Dead End." Con-

tinuing southward, Highway 91 intersects the Northfield Road (Route 10) about where the Ashley house stood. Here is now an interchange, with big circles on the north of Route 10, two curves on the south, and Route 10 passing over Route 91. To make room for this interchange, the southerly end of Bald Mountain Road was swung eastward, to enter the Northfield Road near the west end of Parmenter Road (Old Northfield Road). The houses affected were moved to the relocated road.

Thence Highway 91 continues southward through the former town dump area, crossing to the west side of Fall River as noted above. It passes over River Road a few hundred feet south of the Miller barn, and continues straight toward Yetter's Curve on Bernardston Road (Routes 5 and 10), crossing the town line into Greenfield on the way. In 1960-1962, there was a temporary connection between the old and new roads at Yetter's Curve, but Highway 91 is finally to pass over Routes 5 and 10 with no connection.

The section of Highway 91 from the Vermont line to a point just north of Route 10 (4.5 miles) has an asphalt surface, standard in Massachusetts for many years. The next southerly section, however, with 1.3 miles in Bernardston and 0.53 mile in Greenfield, has a cement concrete surface, a design previously unused in Massachusetts since 1946. This is an experimental section of pavement; it uses a new method of joint construction, designed to allow for expansion and contraction, while eliminating the traffic "bump-bump" of the old-style joint in concrete. Time will tell whether this new joint design will work out as planned.

In Bernardston there are five bridges on Route 91 itself, and also two new accessory bridges. The former are: (1) Burke Flat Road over Highway 91, (2) Route 10 over "91," (3) railroad over "91," (4) "91" over Fall River, (5) "91" over River Road. The accessory bridges are Burke Flat Road over Fall River, and Route 10 over Fall River.

Following Massachusetts law, there are to be no billboards within the right-of-way. The normal width of the right-of-way in Bernardston is four hundred feet, compared with three hundred feet across the line in Vermont! The lanes, north and south, are twenty-six feet wide; the shoulders ten feet; the median grass strip one hundred feet. The cost of the northerly section in Bernardston was \$2,400,000 with the two bridges. The cost of the southerly section, extending into Greenfield, was \$2,150,000 including the five bridges. The northern section was started September 3, 1958,

and finished (roadway and paving) on June 30, 1960. The southern section was started on May 11, 1959, and finished on November 15, 1960.

Important economically is the loss of agricultural land taken for the road. Every one hundred nine feet along the normal right-of-way means another acre of land used; more than three hundred acres were taken altogether in this section, of which at least sixty percent was agricultural land. The owners received pay for their land, but these acres are out of production now. The other advantages of this highway doubtless far overshadow the loss to agriculture. Some landowners in North Bernardston were cut off from access to their land on the east side of Highway 91. They received some reimbursement, and there the land remains unused, inaccessible. Most of this land is steep, rocky hillside.

The construction of Highway 91 is generally welcome in all the Connecticut Valley, giving as it does a route for quick and easy passage and transport north and south. Old Route 5 is a patched-up relic of what was pretty good in 1922, but it still serves very well if one wants to go more slowly and enjoy the scenery. If one wants to make time, with a smooth ride, it can be done on Highway 91.

The advent of Highway 91 in Bernardston is regarded with mixed feelings. Its construction has done some damage, as has already been noted; it is hoped that completion will benefit Bernardston in various ways.

Chapter VI

CHURCHES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERNARDSTON

THE BAPTIST SOCIETY was first organized in 1789 and reorganized March 13, 1806. There was nothing further of interest except the regular order of business in the records until March 4, 1815, when it was voted to build a meeting house thirty feet by forty feet, two stories high and the same as Vernon Meeting House.

There was some controversy as to where to build and, on April 10, 1815, according to old records, it was voted "the meeting house should be built on the road between Fall River and that road that runs from Mr. Thomas O. Snows to the South and on Nov. 6, 1815 it was voted to set the meeting House a few rods East of where Mr. Joseph Warner now lives on the spot where the said Committee hath appointed it on the North side of the road between Fall River and the turn of the road that leads to the meeting house that is now built." Again on February 27, 1817, a vote was taken to set the meeting house "opposite the place that was first voted on land now owned by George Alexander on South side of the Highway," and finally on July 14, 1817, vote was taken to "set the meeting house on land owned by Job Goodale, Esq. opposite the contemplated place on the North side of the highway." The meeting house then built on the site known as the Ashley Place, was used until March 1, 1851, when it was voted to sell it.

The present structure on Depot Street was dedicated Wednesday, December 10, 1851, and was erected by Deacon S. S. Wright, the work being done by John Sawin of Greenfield.

An interesting account of the churches was contained in "The Happy New Year," a paper published by the Ladies Circle of the Orthodox Congregational Society of Bernardston, January 1, 1874.

On March 14, 1895, John E. Davis was chosen church clerk, and for twenty-five years, he penned the records of the church with a very legible hand. Mr. Davis was a man of sterling character who always had the best interest of the church and the community at heart, and who could be depended on to do the right

thing at the right time. He was sworn into office each year from 1896 to 1900, by a Justice of the Peace after which time no mention was made of clerks being sworn in. It is interesting to note that the Baptists disbanded as a society and organized as a church the first Wednesday of April, 1896.

At the meeting April 7, 1897, it was voted that two persons be elected to pass the contribution boxes, and Forest Thayer and Walter Davis were duly elected. These same boxes are used at the present time.

At a Covenant Meeting held August 31, 1899, a vote was taken to invite the association to meet with the church the next year choosing Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Willard, Mrs. Emma M. Franklin and Mrs. George W. Grant, a committee on arrangements, and Myron L. Corbett, care of horses. The seventy-first annual meeting of the Franklin Baptist Association was held in Bernardston September 11 and 12, 1900.

At a special meeting Wednesday, August 29, 1900, the vote was carried to accept the horse sheds which were formerly owned and donated by Mrs. Mary A. Green, Deacon Pascal Marvel, Joseph S. Green and Clarence Ryther. There was a subscription paper circulated to raise money for repairs and upkeep of same.

May 2, 1901, Miss Maria C. Sanderson, at a roll call service, presented the church with church service books containing readings. September 15, 1903, a proposition was made by Miss Sanderson in regard to making some changes in the church building. Myron L. Corbett made a motion that a committee consisting of John Davis, Myron Corbett and Frank L. Cory, be appointed to confer with Miss Sanderson.

A resolution entertained at a rededication and roll call February 25, 1904, actually shows what transpired in 1904.

"Whereas, The lower rooms of the edifice of the Bernardston Baptist Church were not adapted to the convenience and best working conditions and the members foresaw no prospect of any alterations therein.

"Whereas, It was made possible to raise the entire building, rearrange the rooms, construct convenient closets and drawers, procure heater and thereby add to the beauty and attraction of said rooms, as well as to their convenience and comfort.

"Whereas, The members of the Church are fully convinced that a work of permanence and skill has been accomplished, to

be enjoyed and used by them and their descendants in future years.

"Whereas, Miss Maria C. Sanderson of this town, who, under God, we believe, has so freely opened her heart and her hands to make this change possible, a change in which she figured as the chief contributor.

"Therefore, Resolved, That we extend to Miss Sanderson our deep appreciation of her kind interest, and generous gifts, and of our gratitude to her for planning such liberal things for the church with which we are identified.

"Resolved, That the memory of her deeds shall be transmitted to others; and the interests of our young people which she had in view shall be borne in mind, that the original idea prompting her actions may not be forgotten.

"Resolved, That as bodily infirmity prevented the donor from seeing and doing as she had hoped, that we also recognize the oversight and care given by her brother, E. Herbert Sanderson, who concerned himself in assisting his sister in the carrying out of her wishes in the work described.

"Resolved, That a copy of these deeds be placed on the records of the church, and a copy sent to the persons, herein named."

The special committee on resolutions was Rev. Fred S. Smith, Deacon Daniel C. Willard, John E. Davis and Mrs. Emma M. Franklin.

During the summer of 1905, gas lighting was installed in the church edifice by the Bernardston Gas Light Company.

Mrs. Julia Newton, Rev. Fred S. Smith and John E. Davis were the committee for the annual roll call March 13, 1906, the one hundredth anniversary of the formation of the Society. June 14, 1906, Myron Corbett presided at a special business meeting for a proposition presented by Miss Maria C. Sanderson to remodel the audience room and place a pipe organ in it. Miss Sanderson was to bear all the expense except one-half the cost of the organ and this proposal was unanimously accepted at a meeting July 5th. Myron Corbett, Daniel Willard and Nettie Davis were chosen, with Miss Sanderson as chairman, to purchase the organ.

A committee of Rev. F. E. Coburn, Miss Maria C. Sanderson and Galutia P. Newton was chosen to prepare for the rededication of the church January 29, 1907, to which the Baptist Churches at Turners Falls, Brattleboro and West Brattleboro, as well as all

churches of the association were invited and the account in the "Gazette and Courier" of that date reads as follows:

"The remodelled and beautiful structure of the Baptists at Bernardston was rededicated with public services on Tuesday the 29th. In the afternoon, Rev. Samuel P. Everett, a former pastor, made the invocation. Henry Bond of Greenfield extended greetings, Dr. W. W. Weeks of Springfield gave the sermon and Dr. W. H. Eaton of Boston offered the prayer, a special service of dedication arranged by the pastor being used. In the evening Mrs. Lucy Cutler Kellogg of Greenfield gave an organ recital, local pastors extended greetings, letters were read from former pastors and Rev. E. H. Sherwin of Greenfield and Rev. J. A. Hungate of Holyoke made addresses. Mrs. E. L. Ashley of Waterbury, Ct., a friend of the church, sang to the delight of all at both services. Delegations were present from Greenfield, and Brattleboro, and a collation was served by the women of the church.

"The alterations to the building, which has been standing since 1851, are quite extensive. In the rear an extension 16 by 24 has been built on, making room for two class rooms and toilet room below, and for an organ and choir loft above, in which a sweet toned instrument from the Estey Organ Company has been installed. The walls have been replastered and refrescoed, steel ceiling put on, swinging doors placed in the vestibule, a rack fitted with attachments for individual communion cups fastened to the pews, and all the wood work repainted in mission green. The platform has been raised from nine to 24 inches and a baptistry constructed underneath with arrangements for filling and heating easily and quickly. In addition a new carpet has been placed on the floor and a fine set of pulpit furniture together with a communion table and chairs, all of mission style, added, making a house of worship rich in beauty and inspiration.

"All expenses for the work, except \$500.00 on the organ, which is met by the Church, is borne by Miss Maria C. Sander-son, a member of one of the old established families of the town, who has taken this means of raising a memorial to her mother and other relatives that for several generations have been identified with Baptist interests. Rev. F. E. Coburn who came to the field last July is the present pastor and is being richly blessed in his work."

March 3, 1907 the communion set was used for the first time, having been presented to the church by Walter E. Davis, son of John E. Davis, a fine young member and one much interested in the church.

The Franklin Baptist Association met with the local church September 2, 1908. Five years later the Bernardston church united with the Association.

In February 1914, Rev. Henry Marshall Douglas passed away at a sugar supper put on by the ladies of the Baptist Church in the Town Hall. Mr. Douglas was the father of the late Mrs. William E. Field, Sr.

At the annual meeting, April 1, 1915, John E. B. Field, Chairman, Myron L. Corbett, Ray E. Franklin of the executive committee with Henry E. Newton and Rev. Nathan A. Wood, were appointed to close a contract for lighting the church building with electricity. In due time the installation was completed.

January 16, 1916, it was voted that John E. Davis be made honorary deacon for life. At a communion service October 7, 1917, Henry Newton was elected deacon. John E. B. Field resigned as deacon and was voted honorary deacon in 1921. Ray E. Franklin was elected January 5, 1922, to serve as deacon and on February 5, 1926, Bert Stoddard and Winnie G. Newton were elected deacons. It is interesting to note that Henry and Winnie were grandsons of David Streeter, a man of upright character who served as deacon of this church for many years.

July 7, 1921, a vote of thanks was extended to Miss Florence Douglas and Mrs. Helen Douglas Field for the gift of the bookcase and library belonging to their father, Rev. Henry Douglas.

June 1924, Rev. Frederick Crane, pastor of the Unitarian Church, installed a mechanical pump for the pipe organ. A vote was taken May 7, 1925, to lease a right of way to the Cemetery Corporation for the term of thirty years at one dollar per year, which included the privilege of improving the entrance to the cemetery in any way the Corporation decided was best.

During the years 1936 to 1959, improvements to the church property included: in the parsonage, a bathroom, furnace and an enclosed porch all under the direction of Winnie G. Newton. The south drive to the church was closed and filled in. A new entrance to the church was made, placing a door in the center of the building instead of the two side doors. Windows were installed on both sides of the door and the church was painted inside and out. A

sixteen millimeter motion picture projector was purchased, town water, a new forced air oil burner and rest rooms were installed. An addition on the southeast side of the church was completed under the direction of Deacon Ellis N. Franklin. Due to the generosity of Dr. Henry J. Franklin a new oil burning, forced air furnace was installed in the parsonage. The Ladies Aid of the church under direction of Mrs. Ray Franklin, assisted by men, women and children, re-covered the pew cushions which had not been done since 1907, when Miss Sanderson renovated the church.

A roll call supper under the direction of Mrs. Ray Franklin was served by candle light on September 29, 1938, because of damage to the lights caused by the hurricane. Other damage included the loss of two church sheds and slate from the roof.

Raymond Crawford, a young man from the church, was ordained to the ministry at the Baptist Church in Orange, Massachusetts, June 30, 1943.

April 30, 1944, a pulpit lamp was given in memory of Ruth Stoddard. It was dedicated at the same time as a United States flag, a Christian flag and a service roll.

Ellis N. Franklin was installed as deacon June 3, 1945, and again it is interesting to note that he is the great-grandson of Deacon David Streeter. Ernest Waite, June 1, 1933; Stanley Phelps, May 2, 1935; John Fisher, October 24, 1948; Laurence Newton and Guy Harwood, May 5, 1958, were elected to serve as deacons.

The ordination of John W. Lind occurred in the local church June 24, 1947. Mr. Lind served this community faithfully. After leaving Bernardston, he became a chaplain with the armed forces in Korea and has since died.

The illumination of the Baptist Church steeple on special occasions during recent years has greatly added to the attractiveness of the building and has been an inspiration to the community.

It seems fitting that the last record shown in this history of the church should be the passing of Mrs. Juliaette S. Newton, August 3, 1958, leaving behind a record few can attain to, and an example many can pattern after in their life work. As the "Recorder-Gazette" reported in the paper of August 4, 1958, "Mrs. Newton, Franklin County's oldest resident, being 104 years and four months old, died Sunday at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Franklin, of South Street. Born in Bernardston on April 1, 1854, she was the daughter of David and Rachel

(Lee) Streeter. She was the widow of Galutia P. Newton, who died August 4, 1918. A life-long resident of the town, she was well versed in its history and also that of the church, where she was a member 84 years." "Grandma" Newton, as she was commonly known to her many friends, was of sterling character, true to her ideals and loyal to her friends, her church and her Christ.

MINISTERS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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| Samuel P. Everett | December 1895-August 1901 |
| Fred S. Smith | November 1901-May 1906 |
| F. E. Coburn | July 1906-February 1908 |
| John Mitchell | June 1908-May 1910 |
| Henry M. Douglas | December 1910-February 1914 |
| Nathan A. Wood | September 1914-August 1918 |
| G. F. Newhall | October 1918-July 1921 |
| Herbert E. Buffum | July 1921-July 1922 |
| Alfred H. Evans | September 1922-October 1923 |
| Thomas Adams | October 1923-February 1930 |
| B. Marcus Prangnell | June 1930-August 1931 |
| Harold D. George | April 1932-June 1937 |
| David W. Lovett | November 1937-May 1941 |
| Nathan B. Rogers | October 1941-May 1946 |
| John W. Lind | December 1946-July 1949 |
| Peter McClelland | September 1949-October 1955 |
| Thomas Elliot | November 1955-September 1956 |
| Elwin Blackstone | November 1956-November 1957 |
| Carvis E. Tutor | November 1957-December 1961 |

GOODALE MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

THE FIRST CHURCH in Bernardston (formerly known as Fall Town) was organized November 26, 1741, and the Rev. John Norton was ordained as its pastor. The first meeting house was on what is known as Huckle Hill.

Following Rev. Mr. Norton as pastor was the Rev. Job Wright installed in 1761; then Rev. Amasa Cook ordained pastor in 1783; then Rev. Timothy Rogers ordained in 1809. Under the ministry of Mr. Rogers there came about a division in regard to certain points of doctrine and this is where the history of the church and society begins.

The First Presbyterian Society in Bernardston was formed

January 9, 1823, with nine members present. At a meeting in December, 1823, it was "voted to call a council of five ministers of the Gospel, for the purpose of advising with members of said Presbyterian Society and either annexing them to some neighboring church or churches, or organize them into a Presbyterian Church in said Bernardston."

The council met at the home of Judge Job Goodale, the home now owned by William Messer, west of the present church site, January 13, 1824. The Rev. Samuel Taggart was moderator and Rev. James Taylor, scribe. After due consideration, the council advised the formation of a church and proceeded to organize it under the name of the "First Presbyterian Church." In 1831, the name was changed to "Evangelical Congregational" then in 1833, to "Orthodox Congregational," finally, in 1912, when the Congregational and Methodist united, the name came to be "Goodale Memorial United Church."

For about two years worship was at first maintained in the Old Baptist Church, east of the village. Before its razing in 1959 to make way for Federal Highway Route 91 it was the home owned by Bernard Fowler, better known as the Ashley Place. The Baptists shared their church and each denomination held services on alternate Sundays.

In the meantime Job Goodale had erected upon his own land, just east of his residence a small house of worship. It was a modest building, much like the school houses of that period. Here the young church made its home. The building and an eighth of an acre of land upon which it stood was secured to the church by the will of Job Goodale, who died October 25, 1833. He also gave to the society the present parsonage building and lot.

For nine years the church was unable to support a resident pastor and depended upon supplies. The plan was conceived of yoking together the church and the Goodale Academy and of making the pastor of one the principal of the other. The plan was kept in operation for a number of years commencing in 1833 when Rev. Vinson Gould became the first regular pastor. This plan however did not work satisfactorily and was given up after a few years.

During 1846, the church was thoroughly repaired and enlarged, some of the alterations being executed in a novel manner. The building was moved to one side and the foundations torn up and relaid for a larger structure. Then a low but substantial frame was built and cross timbers laid, and the old building was hoisted up

and launched, as it were, upon the new frame. Then the old building was split through the middle lengthwise, cutting ridge and gable, wall and floor alike, as one might saw a box in two. Then the two sections were removed apart to the outer walls and the space between them built up. The front was extended to enclose a vestibule and gallery for the choir and a graceful steeple was added. Mrs. Lydia Goodale (widow of Job Goodale) gave a bell to place within it, which after a few years cracked and was replaced by a new one.

Rev. David Humphrey Strong—1888 to 1900. Mr. Strong was the first of ten ministers to serve the church since 1900. Born in South Deerfield and educated at Williston Academy at Easthampton, Williams College and Hartford Theological Seminary, he married Abbie Hardy of Colrain and his first pastorates were in Vermont. Mr. Strong came to Bernardston in 1888. A constant prosperity and interest proved his ability as pastor of the church. In 1890, through the generous gift of Mr. Richard F. Newcomb, a grandson of Job Goodale, the church was materially changed. Mr. R. L. Crowell was chairman of the building committee. An addition was placed upon the north end, thus admitting arches, the pulpit, organ, choir loft and speakers' platform. Downstairs the basement was transformed from a floorless dungeon to pleasant Sunday School rooms and a kitchen. A furnace took the place of stoves. While in Bernardston, Mr. Strong was librarian of Cushman Library. When he resigned in 1899, the church refused to accept his resignation, and called him anew "to remain indefinitely." He remained a year longer, but having received a call to the Congregational Church, Williamstown, Vermont, he relinquished his work here in May, 1900, much to the regret and sorrow of his people.

Rev. Edward Day—1900 to 1903. Mr. Day was a graduate of Andover Theological Seminary and a man much interested in and devoted to literary pursuits.

Rev. Eugene M. Frary—1903 to 1924. Born in Whately, Massachusetts, Mr. Frary attended the common and select schools there, also Deerfield and Smith (Hatfield) Academies. The early death of his father cut off his hopes of a special education for the ministry. He became active in church life at home and in county Sunday School work. In 1896, he was licensed to preach at Charlemont and preached in Millers Falls and Colrain before coming here. He married in 1893, Miss Addie Barrett of Saratoga Springs, New

York and they had no children. Mr. Frary served the church long and well and will be remembered for his good work.

The spring of 1912 was a critical time in the history of the church. Financial losses and removals made it almost impossible to go on. The Methodist Church likewise was going through a trying period. It was at this time that the proposed federation of the two churches was considered and voted upon. The Articles of Federation of the Congregational and Methodist Episcopal Churches of Bernardston were written and accepted, by both churches. The object of the Federation was and still remains that the Congregational and Methodist Episcopal Churches of Bernardston, feeling that they can work to better advantage by combining their resources than by maintaining separate churches and services, agree to unite in common work and worship; each church maintaining its own organization, holding its own property and contributing to its own benevolent societies. The name was at this time changed to Goodale Memorial United Church. The following committee members served: Eugene M. Frary, Minister; Hendrick A. Slate, Charles W. Parker, W. H. Kenney and L. Dwight Slate, Committee for the Congregational Church; Everett Stratton, Arthur A. Thrasher, Egbert E. Cairns, and Leon F. Nelson, Committee for the Methodist Church. On April 14, 1912, the two churches worshipped together at the Congregational Church. The fruits of this union have truly been great, as nearly fifty years of co-existence in happiness and spiritual growth can testify.

January 13, 1924, the Goodale Memorial United Church held a Centennial Anniversary of the Orthodox Congregational Church. It was at this time that a tablet was placed in the church with the names of the original members on it. Mr. Frary died very suddenly in 1924.

Howard R. May—1924 to 1926. Mr. May was a licensed preacher coming to the church from West Deerfield. His interest in the work of the young people was appreciated.

Rev. Arthur L. Truesdell—1927 to 1943. Mr. Truesdell was born in Binghamton, New York, in 1874, and his early years were spent there where his father had a leather business. He was taken out of his second year in high school to assist his father. However, his education continued with the aid of correspondence courses and by teaching himself to read Latin, Greek and German. He was also a fine pianist. Mr. Truesdell's interest in Y.M.C.A. work led him to Buffalo, New York, where he met and married Charlotte

Merrill. Soon afterward, the couple attended the Northfield Bible School which was conducted at the Northfield Hotel by C. I. Scofield. Mr. Truesdell's first pastorate was in Wendell and while there he preached also in Moores Corner. Later he became pastor of the Leverett church. In 1927, he accepted a call to the Bernardston church and served for sixteen years. The Truesdells moved back to Moores Corner in 1943, where he preached until his death. For over fifty years Mr. and Mrs. Truesdell ministered to the spiritual needs of Franklin County. Of their ten children three daughters served as foreign missionaries. Mr. Truesdell's hobbies were reading, and astronomy for which he made most of his own telescopic equipment and ground his own lenses. He was noted for his sincerity, sympathy and keen sense of humor.

In June 1930, the steeple of the church was struck by lightning and the new one replacing the damaged one was much lower in height, not adding to the beauty of the church.

In 1937, the church voted to purchase from the Northfield School for Girls the Hook and Hastings pipe organ in Sage Chapel. The committee in charge was Myron E. Barber, Chairman; Mrs. Winifred Townsend, Treasurer; Miss Dorothea Foster, Richard Phelps, Mrs. Edward Billings and Rev. Arthur L. Truesdell, Minister. The organ was taken down and installed in the church through the earnest endeavor of the committee, and the hands of many skilled workmen.

July 9, 1939, the church took part in the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the First Church in Fall Town, held at the Unitarian Church. Following the afternoon meeting, an outdoor service was held at the site of the First Meeting House on Huckle Hill. The service was in charge of the Christian Endeavor of the Goodale Memorial United Church.

Rev. Frederick Dixon—1944 to 1948. Mr. Dixon was born in Glastonbury, Connecticut, son of Frederick and Sarah Dixon. He married Madeline Halford and three children were born to them. Rev. and Mrs. Dixon served as Congregational missionaries in Southern Rhodesia, Africa from 1920 to 1933. Mr. Dixon held pastorates in Heath, West Hawley and Bernardston and left to accept a call to Piermont, New Hampshire, retiring in 1953. Until his death in 1958, he resided in Henniker, New Hampshire. Mrs. Madeline Dixon was a talented violinist and played for many occasions while serving the church.

Rev. Milton Czatt—1949 to 1950—Interim Pastor. Dr. Czatt, a

retired pastor of the Brattleboro Congregational Church, served also at the Brattleboro Retreat.

In 1949, the parsonage was moved a few feet west on a new site and the house was completely renovated and repaired. For the first time, there was a cellar under the whole building and a spacious lawn. Sheds were torn down, a barn moved away, and a few years later, a two-car garage was built. Rev. Thomas Cleaver, the first pastor to occupy the newly renovated building, landscaped the grounds with flowering shrubs and evergreens.

Rev. Thomas S. Cleaver—1950 to 1956. Mr. Cleaver was born in London, England, the son of Thomas and Annie Cleaver. He received a diploma for automobile drafting from Regent Street Polytechnic in London, Bachelor of Arts from Hiram College, Bachelor of Divinity from Yale University, did graduate work at Chicago University, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in New York. He held pastorates in Michigan, New York, Maine and Massachusetts. The Cleavers have studied and travelled extensively in Europe and Mrs. Cleaver is an accomplished pianist. The Cleavers came to Bernardston from a Rochester, New York pastorate. A fine spirit of fellowship followed for the church, and many broad and long-range ideas for the good of the parish were put into practice. The Cleavers have two sons and are retired, at the present time wintering in Penney Farms, Florida, and spending the summers in their cottage home on Rustic Ridge, Northfield. Mr. Cleaver serves the Warwick Church during the summer months.

About 1954, through the efforts of Mrs. Dorothea F. Derry, organist and choir director, the choir started giving concerts on Palm Sunday and at Christmas, continuing to the present time. The proceeds from these musical programs and gifts from individuals were used for the purchase of Maas Cathedral Chimes which were installed in December, 1956. A few years later, an amplifying system was placed in the steeple so townspeople and passersby could enjoy the chimes.

Recently the choir earned money to purchase robes by the sale of various products under the able management of Miss Lena Corkins.

Rev. Darwin H. Nutt—1957 to 1959. Mr. Nutt was born and educated in Dearborn, Michigan. He attended Kiski Preparatory School in Salisbury, Pennsylvania, Taylor University at Upland, Indiana, University of Michigan School of Engineering at Ann

Arbor, and Boston University. Mr. Nutt served a two-year pastorate at the Methodist Church in Muncie, Indiana, and at Marblehead, Massachusetts before coming to Bernardston. While serving the local church, he attended classes at Boston University. Mrs. Nutt will long be remembered for her fine singing voice and trumpet solos. The couple had four children. Mr. Nutt accepted a call as curate to St. John's Episcopal Church in Arlington, Massachusetts where he was ordained priest in 1960.

Preparing for the Rev. Darwin Nutt family, it was necessary to furnish the parsonage. Members of the church and many interested townspeople made the project possible by their donations of time, money and articles of furniture for the eight-room house.

It was during this period that the vestry of the church was completely renovated and modernized. Installed were a new heating plant, flush toilets, a new kitchen, Sunday School rooms and a tile floor.

Daniel Fallon, a high school freshman in 1957, formed an orchestra composed of local musicians and of members of the Pioneer Valley Symphony. Concerts were given each year until Daniel left to continue his musical education at Oberlin Conservatory in 1961.

Rev. John H. Emerson—1959—Mr. Emerson was born in San Jose, California in 1935. He entered San Jose State College in 1953 to prepare for a pharmacy profession. A year later he transferred to Washington State University professional school of pharmacy. At Washington State he became active in the Methodist student campus organization, The Wesley Foundation. In 1955, Mr. Emerson married Janice Farr, daughter of his home town pastor and they have two daughters. Through the influence of his father-in-law, he changed his calling to that of the Christian ministry, and served as co-pastor of two Methodist Churches in Idaho during his senior year. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences in 1957. Mr. Emerson entered theological seminary at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California in the fall of 1957, transferring in 1959 to Boston University School of Theology from which he will have received his degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology in June, 1962. Since September, 1959, he has served as pastor of the Goodale Memorial United Church and has given time to chaplaincy work at the Brattleboro Retreat. Among his interests are piano, music composition, creative writing, studies of worship and the arts, fishing, chess and

athletics. The latter interest led him to help organize the Pioneer Valley Regional Athletic Association of which he is chairman.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL SOCIETY

A METHODIST CLASS was formed in Bernardston as early as 1799, but, owing to the fact that the first church records were destroyed by fire, little is known of its activities.

Mrs. Kellogg, in her early history of Bernardston, notes that in 1811, eight members belonged to the society. Methodist members and friends voted in May, 1842, to form a society called the Methodist Episcopal Society of Bernardston. During the subsequent ten years, meetings were held in the Universalist meeting house and sometimes at the Town Hall. February 16, 1852, the records show a vote was carried to build a meeting house. Land was bought of Miss Mary Chamberlain fronting on Center Street and the building, costing \$800.00, was erected by Philip Travers of Greenfield. It was presented to the trustees July 1, 1852. The meeting house was forty feet long and thirty feet wide with a narrow choir gallery reached by a stairway from the audience room. It had no vestibule, however it was surmounted by a bell tower in which no bell was ever hung.

In 1873, a parsonage was built just south of the church and by 1880, the little church was cramped for space. After a great deal of effort, about \$1500.00 was raised and renovations began. Twelve feet were added to the audience room, the vestibule was built and the gallery above enlarged and enclosed making a room for small gatherings and classes; also, new pews were installed.

Activities of the church were routine until the close of the pastorate of W. I. Thrasher, a lay preacher. Because of the gradual decline in the strength of the church, the District Superintendent felt he could no longer supply a suitable resident pastor. Therefore, he suggested a federation with the Congregational Church. This was approved by those concerned and at a society meeting held April 10, 1912, the federation was consummated. The last regular meeting was held at the Methodist Church on Easter Sunday, April 7, 1912.

Time has proven the success of the joining of the two faiths. Each church has maintained its own identity in its Conference and handled its own property and finances. Still, the members have learned to work together for the good of all. The services

were now held at the Congregational Church with the Methodist Church used only occasionally.

In 1923, the Methodist members felt that the little church should be put in good repair and used in the work of the United Church as a parish house. A furnace was installed, the ceiling and sidewalls painted, a new altar rail was placed on the platform and new electric light fixtures and clock added greatly to the appearance of the building. At the time of the rededication service April 20, 1924, it was proposed to use the building for Sunday evening services, Brotherhood and Philathea Class work, some forms of Sunday School work and committee meetings.

During the pastorate of Rev. Arthur L. Truesdell, 1927 to 1943, another change took place at the Methodist Church. Mr. Truesdell had some printing equipment which he set up in the upper room where he printed the church bulletins and programs as well as the Town Reports and Pendulum Echoes for Powers Institute.

During the 1940's, the church was being used very little and again needed repairs. At a meeting of the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Society held February 15, 1947, it was voted to sell the church and parsonage property. Accordingly, in May of that year Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hale purchased the property. An interesting condition of the sale was, "the premises are conveyed subject to the restriction that no part thereof shall be used for a period of twenty years for anything but residential purposes." Later, Fred A. Donaldson, local antique dealer, purchased from the new owners the church building. In September, 1947, Mr. Donaldson razed the building salvaging all the usable lumber to erect an addition to his antique shop, The Ryther House Barn. The income derived from the sale of the church property was invested in the Consolidated Investment Fund of the New England Conference of the Methodist Church.

The following served the Methodist Church from the turn of the century until the federation in 1912:

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| Mr. Louis I. Holway | 1899-1900 |
| Mr. G. G. Ross | 1901 |
| Rev. William H. Adams, Elder | 1902-1904 |
| Rev. Cecil R. Sherman, Elder | 1905-1906 |
| Rev. David H. Sawyer, Elder | 1907-1908 |
| Mr. G. M. Grace | 1909 |
| Mr. W. I. Thrasher | 1910-1911 |

CONGREGATIONAL UNITARIAN CHURCH

THE HISTORY of the Congregational Unitarian Church in Bernardston goes back to the first church built in what was then Fall Town in 1739, two years after the arrival of the first settlers. The conditions of the Fall Town Grant required "that a meeting house should be built within four years." This meeting house was built on Huckle Hill near the Deacon Ebenezer Sheldon Fort. It was named the Church of Christ and was Orthodox in theology.

The meeting house was moved one-half mile south on Huckle Hill in December 1772. This was done by capstans and rollers, and by man power only. One item of expense shows that a stimulant helped to strengthen the workers, for Major John Burke was allowed "for the rum he has found the Town while drawing the Meeting House." The meeting house was next moved to a location on the Bald Mountain Road in March 1791. The site was near the house used as a parsonage by two ministers, Rev. Amasa Cook and Rev. Timothy Foster Rogers. This house is still standing. The meeting house was taken down and rebuilt in the same style and size. It was finished off with a pulpit and thirty square pews, and a gallery for the choir and children. At that period, it was not considered seemly for children to sit with their parents, and they sat in the gallery, the boys on one side and the girls on the other, while order was enforced by the tithingman.

Rev. Timothy Foster Rogers, whose portrait with that of his wife hangs in the present church, became minister in 1809. Mr. Rogers prepared for college at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, and was a graduate of Harvard University. In 1823, he and most of his congregation became Unitarian. Nine members left to form the Orthodox Congregational church. In 1825, the meeting house was taken down and rebuilt on the present site on Church Street, which had become the center of population. The belfry was added and a Revere bell purchased. This bell became cracked and in 1829 it was "voted to raise money by subscription, and add to the avails of the broken bell and purchase another as large as the funds would buy." The old bell was taken to Cheapside in Deerfield, and travelled by boat down the Connecticut River to Hartford, Connecticut. The new bell arrived in 1830 in the same manner. The inscription reads: "1829 fecit for Ward, Bartholomew and Brainard—Hartford—Doolittle." A letter from the Reference Librarian of the Hartford Public Library states that this firm did a large business in making church bells,

and that Enos Doolittle and his son cast many bells for this firm.

Extensive repairs and alterations were made to the church in 1846. The large auditorium was divided into two rooms, the upper room to be used for church services, the lower room as a vestry. In 1879, an addition was added to the south side of the building to make room for a pipe organ and choir behind the pulpit; the lower room was divided into a church school room, a ladies parlor, and a kitchen.

The Society had purchased in 1870 a pipe organ made by William A. Johnson of Westfield in that year, Opus 132. An article in the *American Organist Magazine* written by John V. V. Ellsworth of Watertown, New York in 1942 describes the organ: "In Bernardston in the Unitarian Church one finds a small but beautiful Johnson of a single manual. It has limited resources but unlimited quality. The full organ has a surprising volume of brilliance." Mrs. Elinor Barber Cronyn has played the organ for many years, and knows how to bring out the beauty of its tones.

Rev. Richard Elliott Birks—April 1, 1896 to October 1, 1901. Mr. Birks was the first of twelve ministers to serve the church since 1900. He was born in Stony Middleton, Derbyshire, England, February 14, 1846. He was the son of Rev. William Birks, Unitarian minister and schoolmaster. His father was skilled in mathematics and tutored Joseph Paxton, head gardener of the Duke of Devonshire, who built the Crystal Palace in London and was knighted by Queen Victoria. Mr. Birks and his brothers and sister studied under their father, and the two older brothers attended Manchester Unitarian Missionary College. Richard, the youngest, was apprenticed to a painter and decorator when his father died, and earned his living in this way until, with the aid of his brothers' lesson books, he was able to qualify for the ministry. He made two trips to Canada and the United States during this period, and married Margaret Ann White Lang of Boston. In 1871 he returned to England and preached there for nearly twenty years before returning to the United States in 1892.

During Mr. Birks' pastorate in Bernardston he was instrumental in obtaining for the church the legacy left by Joseph Priestly Hale, which had been held up in litigation. The interior of the church was redecorated, mostly by his labors, the pews were re-varnished, and the ceiling frescoed. He had skill in drawing, and frescoing was a specialty of his. He formed a band of young men of the town with one young woman cornetist. The fiendish noises

coming from the upper room in the parsonage, where they trained, are well remembered by his daughter.

Mr. Birks left to accept a call to the old brick church in Deerfield, Massachusetts where he preached for eleven years. He went from there to Montague, Massachusetts for four years, then bought a house in Bernardston where he lived until his death, January 21, 1925.

Rev. George Wilbur Patten—April 1, 1902 to July 1904. Mr. Patten was born in Stockholm, New York, July 6, 1843. After his service in the Civil War, he graduated from Harvard Divinity School in 1871. He was obliged to resign on account of failing eyesight.

Rev. Frederic W. Smith—September 1905 to May 1908. Mr. Smith was born in Peterborough, New Hampshire, February 23, 1869. He was a graduate of Meadville Theological School in 1895, and took post-graduate study at Harvard University. Ill health led to his resignation.

Rev. Merritt Scott Buckingham—June 23, 1908 to January 1, 1912. Mr. Buckingham was born in Gilboa, New York, August 10, 1868. He was educated in the public schools and by private tutors, and became a Methodist minister at the age of nineteen. After eight years as a Methodist minister, he entered Meadville Theological School to make preparations for entering the Unitarian ministry. Having spent eleven years as a Unitarian pastor, he left Bernardston to enter the Congregational Fellowship.

Rev. Herbert Whitney and Rev. Mary Traffarn Whitney—June 29, 1913 to March 26, 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney were joint ministers of the church. Rev. Herbert Whitney was a graduate of St. Lawrence Theological School in 1872, and served Universalist churches for fifteen years. After a year's study at Harvard Divinity School he entered the Unitarian ministry from which he retired in 1916. His wife, who also graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1872, was one of the first women ministers in the country. During their pastorate in Bernardston, Mrs. Whitney organized the Senior Club in May, 1914. This club, designed to bring together the older people of the village once a month for fellowship and entertainment, is comprised of both men and women. Still in existence, the Senior Club holds its meetings in the three churches in rotation. Mrs. Whitney inaugurated and edited the first eugenics magazine in the United States, and with Frances Willard and Mary A. Livermore, she was a pioneer in the temperance move-

ment. At the age of eighty-three she ran for Congress on the Socialist ticket. She died aged ninety in Weare, New Hampshire.

Rev. Margaret Bowers Barnard—1916 to 1921. Miss Barnard was born in Bucksport, Maine and was educated at a French school in New Orleans, Louisiana. After graduating, she taught French in Boston until 1893, when she began studying for the ministry. She preached here for five years and took an active part in town and county affairs, being the founder of the Bernardston Community Club. Miss Barnard left Bernardston to take up missionary work in North Carolina, but returned later to spend the last years of her life in Greenfield.

Rev. Frederick T. Crane—June 1923 to September 30, 1928. Mr. Crane was born in Lansing, Michigan, April 1, 1870, and graduated from Canton Theological School. A lover of music, particularly classical, he knew how to repair the pipe organ when it needed attention, and replaced one Oboe stop with a stop of a more mellow tone. Mr. Crane established a small printing business and interested two local young men who later became printers. He left for a pastorate in Sterling, Massachusetts, and died in Montclair, New Jersey, December 11, 1951.

Rev. Joseph Cady Allen—November 1928 to June 30, 1944. Mr. Allen was born in Rochester, New York, January 30, 1869. He was a graduate of Meadville Theological School, and studied at Harvard Divinity School. During his pastorate here, several major events took place in the history of the church. Mr. Allen had talent in writing and producing plays and pageants, and had ability in acting. While he was here the church voted to sell the parsonage in 1929 and take in exchange the property owned by Myron E. Barber on Library Street. The parsonage had been given to the Unitarian Society by the Honorable Henry W. Cushman to be used as a residence or parsonage for their minister. In 1931 the horse sheds were removed, adding greatly to the appearance of the property.

In 1926, Ellery Herbert Sanderson died and left Bernardston the sum of \$1000.00 as a sidewalk fund with the provision that if its entire amount of interest was not used each year, the principal would revert to the Unitarian Church. As this interest had not been used, in 1936 the money became the property of the church.

The two hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first church in Bernardston was observed July 9, 1939. Goodale United Church, the First Baptist Church, and the Methodist Church of

Leyden were invited to take part in this anniversary. A worship service was conducted in the morning in the style of the eighteenth century, with no music or flowers. A tithingman led the procession of clergymen taking part in the service, and an hour glass was turned over to indicate the beginning of the service. During the singing of the hymns the congregation turned to face the choir in the rear. At noon a picnic lunch was eaten on the church lawn, the ladies of the church serving coffee and cold beverages. In the afternoon, a modern service took place in the church with floral decorations and the organ in use. Mrs. Lucy Cutler Kellogg of Greenfield gave an historical address, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Frederick M. Eliot of Boston, President of the American Unitarian Association. Following the afternoon service, a group went to the site of the first meeting house on Huckle Hill and held a service which was conducted by the Christian Endeavor Society of Goodale United Church. A marker had been placed on the site by the members of the Laymen's League of the Unitarian Church in 1930. The plaque reads:

First Meeting House
Fall Town
Now Bernardston
1739
Marked by Laymen's League
1930

Mr. Allen resigned in 1944 to take a pastorate at the Geneseo, Illinois, Unitarian Church. He died in Rock Island, Illinois, April 22, 1955, at the age of eighty-six.

Rev. Samuel L. Elberfeld—July 10, 1944 to February 1, 1946. Mr. Elberfeld was born in Pomeroy, Ohio, June 4, 1869, and was educated at Meadville Theological School and Harvard Divinity School. He left to return to the East Boston Unitarian Church for the second time (1923-1939; 1946-1953) and died in East Boston, April 25, 1953.

Rev. Francis Christopher Schlater—May 1, 1946 to January 1, 1954. Mr. Schlater was born in Ambler, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1891. He was a graduate of Ursinus College with an A.B. degree, and Central Theological Seminary, B.D., and also did graduate work at several universities. Mr. Schlater was ordained in 1927 into the Reformed Evangelical Church which he served until 1941. He was a U.S.O. director 1942-1946. Bernardston was his first Uni-

tarian parish and while he was here extensive repairs and improvements were made in the church, the lower floor partly replaced, and the kitchen enlarged and made modern. This work was done by the men of the church under the supervision of Christian Eckhoff. Mr. Schlater's informal friendliness took him into most of the homes of the town, and he was always ready to lend a helpful hand. His love of nature was a marked characteristic. He enjoyed travel, and accompanied Monroe Smith when he took a group by airplane around the world. Mr. Schlater left to accept a call to Middleboro, Massachusetts, in 1954, and in 1959 went to Las Vegas, Nevada as pastor of the Unitarian Fellowship. He died there January 13, 1960, and is buried in the graveyard of the church in Ambler, where his ancestor, Rev. Michael Schlatter, was once the minister.

Rev. Robert S. Slater—June 1, 1954 to September 1957. Mr. Slater was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and graduated from the University of Baltimore, B.S., in 1951. He came to Bernardston as a student minister, serving also the Northfield Unitarian Church. Mr. Slater, a convert from the Roman Catholic Church, graduated from Harvard Divinity School, S.T.B., in 1955, and was ordained in Northfield, August 14, 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Slater worked actively with the Youth Group and the School of Religious Education. He left Bernardston to act as assistant pastor of the First Unitarian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Charles D. Moore—January 1958 to September 1959. Mr. Moore was born in Jonesboro, Georgia, January 9, 1926, and graduated from Mercer University in 1954. He then attended Colgate-Rochester Divinity School for two years, while serving as a full time minister of Methodist churches in New York State. While serving Bernardston and Northfield churches, Mr. Moore studied at Harvard Divinity School and graduated with a B.D. degree in June, 1959. Mr. Moore took an active interest in the work of the Youth Group. He left to accept a call to the Unitarian Fellowship in Chattanooga, Tennessee. During his pastorate Mrs. George Warner presented the church with hymn books in memory of her husband.

Rev. John Paul Jones, D.D.—October 2, 1960- . Dr. Jones was born in Holliday, Missouri, February 2, 1898. He graduated from Westminster College, Missouri, in 1920, and from Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in 1925. His degrees are A.B., B.D., D.D. Dr. Jones preached in Presbyterian churches in New

York State from 1925 to 1957, and at the Amherst Unitarian Church 1958 to 1960. He was President of the Presbyterian Fellowship for Social Action, 1936-1940, President of the National Peace Conference 1943-1945, member of the Board of Directors of National Urban League for many years, and of the American Civil Liberties Union since 1950. Dr. Jones has travelled widely in Europe, Asia, and South America and resides in Ashfield, Massachusetts.

UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

THE UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL picnics have been days that the Bernardston inhabitants have looked forward to annually since the eighteen sixties.

Joseph Priestly Hale, a former Bernardston boy, was born in a house long since gone, on what is now the Norman Duprey farm on West Mountain. He was a successful manufacturer of pianos in New York City, and when visiting here one summer nearly one hundred years ago, he saw a group of children enjoying a picnic and thought what pleasure the whole town might receive in a combined picnic of all the Sunday Schools. At that time there were five churches in Bernardston.

When he returned to New York he remembered the happy day and wrote back to Bernardston that he would like to see the picnic an annual affair. Soon after, he sent a check of \$1000, the interest on which was to be spent each year for a Union Sunday School picnic.

The money was gratefully accepted and the first picnic was held at Ryther's Maple Grove. This grove may have been near the Donaldson home.

The fund has been administered over the years by committees made up of the appointed members of each of the Sunday Schools. Some years the picnic was a local event. Sylvan Grove near the old railroad station was a popular place. Other years a train was chartered and as many as four hundred of the townspeople were carried to places as far away as Mt. Tom, Holyoke or Forest Park, Springfield.

In 1901, the Sylvan Grove was cut by the late Baxter Burrows and the picnic grounds were lost. However, the picnic has been held locally at Miller's Grove on Fall River and at least once in Cushman Park.

In recent years, it has been found that Laurel Lake in Erving,

a state park with an excellent beach and fireplaces for cooking, has been a most popular spot for the annual affair.

Unfortunately, the attendance is not what it was in the earlier days as in this era picnics and cook-outs are almost a daily occurrence and the one big get-together does not hold the allure of bygone days.

Mr. Hale died in 1883 and is buried in the Center Cemetery in Bernardston with a granite shaft marking his grave. His gift to the town is still appreciated, and each summer after the vacation Bible school many children inquire when and where the Union picnic will be held.

Chapter VII

LIBRARY AND SCHOOLS

CUSHMAN LIBRARY

ON AUGUST 20, 1862, during the exercises observing the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Bernardston, a letter was read in which the Honorable Henry W. Cushman announced his intention of giving to the Town of Bernardston a free public library. To accomplish this, he proposed to give the town the sum of one thousand dollars for the establishment of the library, one hundred dollars per year for ten years "if he should so long live" for its enlargement, and the sum of five hundred dollars for the erection of a suitable fireproof building. This gift was accepted by the inhabitants of Bernardston at a special town meeting held September 6, 1862.

Dedication services were held on August 20, 1863. The two-story brick building consisted of the main library room, a small reading or reference room and a fireproof safe situated on the first floor. The founder added about thirteen hundred dollars to his original gift to cover cost of the erection of the building. Three months after the dedication, Mr. Cushman passed away. In his will he remembered the library by giving it the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars to be known as the Cushman Library Fund. The income only was to be used annually by the trustees for the purchase of books, and the principal of said legacy was to forever remain a sacred trust for the enlargement of the library.

Some of the provisions set forth by Mr. Cushman concerning his gift of the library were: that the library should forever be free for the use of all Bernardston residents, teachers and students of Powers Institute, and for those families in adjoining towns who were paying members of Bernardston religious societies; "that the library should be controlled and managed by a board of trustees consisting of the town clerk, school committee and selectmen ex officio, of the town; of all resident clergymen and physicians of the town" and of twelve other members elected by the voters, these twelve to serve three-year terms.

When the inside of the building was being completed, the Honorable John Sanderson, a member of the original board of trus-

tees, finished off the room on the second floor of the building at a cost of about nine hundred dollars. This was a private enterprise and was built fully as much in the interests of Bernardston as in his own, the town having the privilege at any time to buy it at cost. This was known as Sanderson Hall and served as a meeting place for various groups in town and was also used by Powers Institute for musicals and special courses. The hall was used as a classroom during part of the 1898-1899 school year.

John Sanderson died in July 1898, and in April, 1900, his heirs presented to the inhabitants of the Town of Bernardston a quit-claim deed releasing all their right, title and interest in the second story of the Cushman Library building. At this time the library was very short of space so some shelves were installed in Sanderson Hall and seldom used books were moved from the reference department to the second floor. Later many non-fiction books and magazines were also moved upstairs leaving more space for the frequently used volumes on the first floor.

During the early days of the library there were many room rules and regulations in force which point out how vast a change has taken place through the years. For instance, in 1866 the librarian suggested that all persons be requested to "transact their business and leave immediately." At one time, a rail was erected across the front of the room with the librarian's desk situated in an opening in the center. For the most part the patrons were not allowed to pass beyond this railing, and the librarian located the book desired when given the number from the catalog. Although this method seems most peculiar to this generation, there was a practical reason for it, for at that time at least twice a year all the books were called in by the librarian, arranged in perfect order, and the directors of the library inspected and checked them to see that all the books were present and accounted for.

By 1900 changes and improvements began to be made. Shelves were added to the room upstairs and the books in the reference section were moved in order to provide more space on the ground floor. In 1905 it was voted by the trustees to pipe the library for acetylene gas. Again in 1913 the question of lighting was brought up, and it was voted to investigate the cost of installing electric lights throughout the building. This was soon accomplished.

In 1915 there was a definite need for added book space and a committee was appointed to investigate the cost of making some changes in the general layout of the building. It was decided that

some partitions should be removed, the stairway relocated, a vestibule built and that a hardwood floor should be laid. The stacks were moved upstairs at this time making one large room on the first floor. In the fall of 1916 another major improvement was made—a furnace was installed.

Still feeling pinched for space, the trustees at their annual meeting in 1917 voted to renovate the upper room in the library by adding shelves for the storage of non-fiction books. They also planned to improve the small room upstairs and use it for a reference room and a place to store various gifts. Because of the expense involved, the improvements to the small room were postponed for a time.

In December, 1918, Dr. Willard H. Pierce, President of the Trustees, and Mrs. Pierce, presented the library with the librarian's desk, the children's table and chairs and other small things for the children's corner. These gifts were in memory of their daughter, Roxy, who was librarian from 1913-1918.

Again in 1919 it was voted to continue renovating the small upstairs room which was now to be used as an historical room. In 1920 Mrs. Willard Pierce was appointed as caretaker, a position she held for many years. Under her direction shelves were installed and enclosed in glass, a glass top was placed on the table so that various papers could be displayed, and the historical items were tastefully arranged.

Reverend Margaret Barnard, chairman of the Town Honor Roll Committee, in 1919 requested permission to have erected on the outside of the building, at the left of the entrance, a white marble tablet as a permanent memorial to Bernardston boys who served during World War I. It was unanimously voted to do this. At this time, Mrs. Everett Benjamin, a member of the trustees, presented her large dining room table to the library to be used as a reading table. This table was made from a cherry tree which stood on the Benjamin farm.

1930 saw improvements in the outside appearance of the building. The land in the rear was badly washed away so loads of sod, stone and gravel were topped by loam, leveled and seeded. Through efforts of the Garden Club shrubs were planted in front of the building.

A new service was made available to the library in 1940. Works Project Administration funds were used to set up a State regional library office in Greenfield which was located in the basement of

the Public Library. From this center, books were delivered to the library periodically to supplement its stock. This proved to be a most valuable innovation, and the library has continued to benefit by the Bookmobile services since that time.

The start of a long list of improvements and benefits for the library occurred in 1950. The receipt of the dog tax from the Town of Bernardston for the first time was a major asset, and it has been added to the treasury yearly since that time. This same year the trustees voted to have a reading program for the school children to see if their interest in reading could be stimulated. The program was considered very successful and has been repeated each year. The number of participants has increased steadily, proving the popularity of the summer program.

In 1951 Mr. Fred Donaldson, President of the Trustees, made the library a gift of an electric wall clock and requested that he be made a committee of one to raise money for the installation of a lavatory. He contacted the business establishments of Bernardston as well as individuals and collected enough to finance the project. Mr. Herman Wiemers generously donated his time to planning and building the room, decorating it, replacing the bookshelves, installing the fixtures and plumbing. This was a very welcome and needed addition and has been greatly appreciated by the personnel through the years. With the installation of town water, the necessity of a method of heating the building continuously made itself evident. Up to this time, wood fires had been built only on library days. Consequently, in 1953 the directors decided to have an oil burner installed in the old furnace.

The annual meeting of 1955 was a busy one. At this time, Mr. Fred Donaldson, President of the Trustees, transferred to the library all his rights and interest in the book, *History of Bernardston*, by Lucy Cutler Kellogg. These rights were purchased by Mr. Donaldson from Mrs. Kellogg in 1950. He hoped that it might be possible for the library to publish a second volume which would bring the town history up to date. Also, at this time it was decided to have a measured-service phone installed for the convenience of the patrons and personnel.

An interesting addition came to the main library room in 1956 with the hanging of an oil painting of Sir Francis Bernard, Royal Governor of Massachusetts from 1760-1769, for whom our town is named. This painting was originally presented to the town by the late Isaac Burrows Snow during the Sesqui-centennial celebration

in August 1912. At this time, the library trustees agreed to act as custodian of the painting, which now hangs beside the picture of Henry W. Cushman, donor of the library.

Remodeling and redecorating seemed necessary in 1957. The ceiling of the entrance hall was lowered and new wallboard ceiling and sidewalls installed. Storm windows and new lighting were projects for 1958. The trustees voted to purchase five combination aluminum storm and screen windows for the main room. Western Massachusetts Electric Company recommended the proper type of lighting fixtures needed to provide adequate illumination for the main reading room. These new additions greatly improved the appearance of the library and provided increased comfort for its patrons. A portable typewriter was purchased in December, 1958.

With the two hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Bernardston to be celebrated in 1962, the suggestion was made at the annual meeting in 1960 that it might be the proper time to bring the *History of Bernardston* up to date. This proposition received an enthusiastic response. From the twelve elected trustees, a steering committee of three, Mrs. Henry Root, Mrs. Theodore Cronyn and Miss Frieda Wiemers, was appointed. The other trustees were: Mrs. Raymond Dunnell, Mrs. Clayton Fitzherbert, Miss Florence Birks, Mr. Arthur Ward, Mrs. Harold Denison, Mr. Melvin Denison, Mrs. Lynn Wyatt, Mr. John Morgan and Mr. Henry Root. Completion date for the project was set for August, 1962, with the possibility that any profits realized by the library might be added to the fund for future expansion, the need of which is definitely being felt.

LIBRARIANS—1900-1960

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| Rev. Richard E. Birks | April 1900 |
| Mrs. Charles R. Hills | November 1901 |
| Miss Nettie T. Davis | October 1908 |
| Miss Roxy Pierce | September 1913 |
| Mrs. Willard H. Pierce | April 1918 |
| Miss Caroline A. Barber | October 1919 |
| Miss Edith Barber—Acting Librarian | 1921 |
| Miss M. Jennie Mackay | April 1922 |
| Miss Ellen S. Birks | September 1925 |
| Mrs. William A. Boyle | September 1929 |
| Mrs. Roy S. Herrick | July 1939 |

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| Miss Frieda J. Wiemers | November 1950 |
| Mrs. Wilbur Fallon | October 1958 |
| Mrs. Edwin W. F. Dyer | January 1959 |

The library is open two days a week—Wednesday from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 3:00 to 8:30 p.m. During July and August the hours are from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. both days.

Circulation of books and magazines for the year 1960 totaled 11,356 and there were about four hundred card holders. The library has approximately 16,450 volumes plus many Bookmobile books which are replaced about every eight weeks. Special books can be obtained from other libraries in the area when they are not available on the shelves.

The Regional Library Center in Greenfield has a film service available to all organizations in Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden and Berkshire counties. The films, covering a variety of subjects, are distributed directly to the program planner for the group free of charge with the stipulation that there will be no admission charged. A projector and screen may also be borrowed from the Center. The local librarian receives a listing of the films and the dates they will be available and is ready and willing to assist anyone interested in planning a film program.

A limited number of phonograph records, mostly classical, are also available at the Regional Library Center and may be obtained by the local librarian when requested by the patrons.

Bernardston is indeed fortunate to have had such a generous and public spirited citizen as Mr. Henry W. Cushman. Few men down through the years have been blessed with such insight into the needs of future generations. It is interesting to note that at a special town meeting on the sixth of September 1862 the following article, which is well worth repeating one hundred years later, was unanimously voted: "That we hereby, for ourselves and our posterity, who are to be long benefited by this judicious liberality, tender our gratitude and thanks to the Honorable Henry W. Cushman for this munificent gift which does so much to render our 'means of education and social progress complete.' "

THE BERNARDSTON SCHOOLS

SOON AFTER LANDING in Massachusetts, the Pilgrims and the Puritans established churches and schools. It was early resolved that schools should be free. In many places the first instruction

was given by the minister, in the three R's as well as in religious subjects. This was doubtless true in Bernardston. There is no record of a school system until 1770, when the sum of two pounds was granted to be divided among the school districts of the town. In 1771 there were "90 children in town who wanted schooling," and six pounds was voted for their instruction. The town early realized the importance of education for girls as well as boys, for a 1772 record states that the town voted "to raise one shilling and six pence for each scholar in the town for schooling . . . and that boys from six to sixteen years of age, and girls from six to twelve shall be reckoned as scholars."

Before 1784 instruction was given in private homes. In that year "it was ordered that the town be divided into four school districts, and that each should build a school house in which to keep the school at its own expense." In 1800 the first school committee was appointed. Throughout the 1800's the town made annual appropriations to provide elementary schooling in the district schools.

Bernardston was fortunate in having two men with advanced ideas regarding secondary education and with means to put their ideas into effect. The Hon. Job Goodale founded Goodale Academy in 1832 and this school continued to educate the youth of Bernardston and surrounding towns for a quarter of a century. It was located on Church Street between Depot and Dewey Streets, opposite the Town Hall. This house, its barn and the Congregational Parsonage were all Academy buildings.

Powers Institute was founded and endowed in 1857 by Edward Epps Powers, a Bernardston boy who had made a fortune in retail trade in Georgia. Powers Institute had a notable career as an old-time academy, having students not only from Bernardston, but also from many western Massachusetts towns, nearby towns of Vermont and New Hampshire, and as far away as Pennsylvania. Mr. Powers would have been gratified to know that his school served the town for a hundred years.

1900-1910

Many changes came to Powers Institute during the early 1900's, as with state aid it became the Bernardston high school, although retaining its original name. The School Committee took over some of the duties of the Trustees, but still kept several of the old academy rules and regulations. The study hour bell was a familiar

sound, ringing promptly at seven o'clock each evening. A few students still boarded themselves at Cushman Hall.

The academy rules had forbidden attendance at dances during term-time, and an episode that hastened the dropping of these regulations was the suspension of two pupils in 1902, for violation of the no-dancing rules. There had been a great deal of controversy in regard to these regulations, as is shown in an article of the town warrant of 1899, asking that by-laws be changed . . . "so that parents and guardians of town scholars shall have full control of their children out of school hours."

An examination by the School Committee had been required of town students for entrance to the "Preparatory" Class at P.I. In 1901, a "Grammar Class" was formed from the upper grades of the district schools. This class and the "Prep" class, meeting in the West Room, were soon called the 7th and 8th grades. Later a 9th grade was added.

As early as 1895 the town appropriated \$100.00 for a music teacher, and music has been a continuous course in the district and elementary schools, though at Powers Institute the instruction in music has been irregular. Drawing was first taught in the nineties, and has been an intermittent subject through the years.

There were six district schools: South Street, Green, Bald Mountain, North Bernardston, East Bernardston and Huckle Hill. A plot of land on the corner of School and Church Sts., opposite the Streeter Store, served as a place for recreation, including band concerts, and was called the "Common" or "Green"; thus the Green School got its name. With the exception of the Green, these schools used double desks, seating two children, and were heated by wood-burning stoves. The teachers often acted as janitors and so increased their earnings by fifty cents a week. The salaries ranged from eight to eight and one-half dollars a week, though at one time the Huckle Hill teacher had received only six dollars. As the wood fires went completely out at night, the teachers had to come into freezing rooms each morning during the winter. Sometimes one of the older boys took over the janitor's duties. The school days were long; nine until twelve and one until four. The teachers often did the janitor work after hours, then walked long distances to their boarding places, taking their home work with them.

There were neither lights nor water in the buildings. Two of the boys would bring water in a large pail from the nearest neigh-

bor. In warm weather one pupil had the honor of "passing out the water" to the others, using just one drinking cup, and this condition lasted many years. The old law was still in force providing a fine of \$20.00 for truancy and not over \$50.00 for "inducing or employing a child so as to absent him from school." A state law in 1907 required the services of a school doctor. Huckle Hill School (District No. 5), with its six pupils was closed permanently in 1908.

Many of the district teachers were local girls, and few had normal training. A Powers Institute graduate was considered capable of teaching the elementary grades. Great credit should be given these young women. That they did well is proved by the successful men and women who received their early education in these one-room schools.

Principals in this decade were: E. E. Sawyer, 1898-1902; Thomas Allen, 1902-1907; Winifred Given, 1907-1912.

1910-1920

One of the outstanding events of these years was the installation of electric lights at P.I. in 1912, at a cost of \$120.00! The class of '14 published a yearbook, the "Pendulum Echo," which continued nearly every year until P.I. closed. The "Pendulum," a former monthly, had been published from 1892 until 1898. A third teacher was secured at P.I., and courses in agriculture, domestic science and the Palmer System of penmanship were introduced. Each of the three superintendents in this period urged the consolidation of the districts, and the enlarging of the Institute building was suggested for that purpose. Nothing was done. An increase of teachers' salaries, and repairs and better sanitary conditions for all the schools were recommended. The State was becoming a more important factor in the operation of the schools, and through its contributed funds the towns were able to secure better teachers and equipment. In 1917 the ninth grade was discontinued. The North Bernardston School, District No. 3, after being opened and closed several times, was closed permanently in June 1918.

Principals: Winifred Given, 1907-1912; Lyman Phelps, 1912-1918; W. L. Linscott, 1918-1920.

1920-1930

The schools were beginning to feel the increase of population, and the superintendent again suggested the enlarging of P.I. To

ease the overcrowding of the district schools, the sixth grade was transferred to P.I. Chapel Hall, where morning devotions and school socials had long been held, was used for the sixth and seventh grades. The eighth grade was seated downstairs and taught by the high school teachers. Classes in agriculture and domestic arts were held in Cushman Hall. The Institute was crowded, and an additional teacher was needed.

The Pro Merito, an honorary scholarship society, was established in 1921. In 1928 a commercial course was introduced in which over 30 pupils were enrolled. A really modern touch was felt with the installation of a radio, telephone, and drinking fountains. An electric pump connected with the well had at last brought water into P.I.

Powers received two bequests, the Isaac B. Snow Fund in 1926 and the Jenness Memorial Fund in 1928. (See Powers Institute bequests.)

Principals: Walter G. Buchanan, 1920 to Feb. 1924; Henry D. Carle, Feb. 1924 to June 1924; Paul T. Sellers, 1924-1927; Herman A. Bryant, 1927-1933.

1930-1940

"The depression" caused years of rigid economy for the Bernardston schools. In 1930 the sum of \$19,850 was appropriated for the school budget. With reimbursements from the State and from local funds, the net cost to the taxpayers was \$7,852. From 1933 through 1939 the town annually appropriated about \$17,000; the lowest net cost to the taxpayers being \$5,515 in 1933. During most of this decade the elementary school teachers received \$950 annually; the high school teachers \$1,200. In spite of salary cuts the teachers served the young faithfully.

Trying to maintain the schools on a reduced budget and to comply with the ever-increasing requirements of the State Building Inspector, presented a series of problems to the superintendent and the School Committee. Funds were finally available to bring electric lights to the four district schools and town water to Powers, South, and Green Schools. The old pail and drinking cup gave way to pure, running water.

Throughout the decade, the administrators tried to make the best possible use of available space and personnel. In 1932 the eighth grade was moved upstairs in P.I. and organized with the

sixth and seventh grades. The chemical laboratory became a classroom, causing a serious problem in the teaching of high school science. Three carefully planned courses of study were offered to high school students: college preparatory, commercial, and general. In 1939 the services of a handwriting supervisor were obtained. All teachers received help in the teaching of handwriting, and the handwriting of most pupils in grades 1-12 showed marked improvement.

George P. Morgan of Northfield, bequeathed one thousand dollars to the school. (See Powers Institute bequests.)

In 1933, the largest class ever to graduate from Powers consisted of twenty pupils, sixteen boys and four girls, whose scholastic standing was very high with four pro-merito students. Powers basketball teams played in Western Massachusetts tournaments and the girls also had basketball and baseball teams. The baseball diamond for the girls was prepared by the girls themselves. Dramatics, Glee Club, the Damrosch Musical Appreciation Hour by radio, and a Senior Class trip to New York City World's Fair, provided extracurricular activities for the pupils.

Principals: Herman A. Bryant 1927-1933; Alfred F. Gay 1933 to April 1938; Vernet S. Keller, April 1938 to 1942.

1940-1950

The war years saw the establishment of first-aid courses, some of them taught by Red Cross instructors. Home nursing classes were instructed by registered nurses in town.

Mr. Harry A. Perry presented a gift of two thousand dollars, in 1942, for the use of Powers Institute. (See Powers Institute bequests.)

School enrollment decreased somewhat during these years. By returning the sixth grade to the district schools and reorganizing the upper six grades into a single administrative unit, it was possible to decrease the teaching staff. A critical shortage of teachers hampered the process of learning. Science as a subject became increasingly important. Before long, many improvements were noted; a new fire escape, steel instead of wooden, at the high school; repairs and redecoration of the district schools and expansion of the curriculum in high school to include extra courses in mathematics, art, French, English, and commercial subjects. At Powers, the second floor became a study hall and library.

Many extracurricular activities came into prominence, such as: Christmas and savings clubs, King Philip League for basketball, and prize speaking.

When the war ended, there began to be discussion and hope for a new high school or the use of Greenfield or Turners Falls facilities. For several years the State had condemned Powers Institute for use as a school building, making it necessary to obtain a permit from year to year. This made a new school imperative and a regional school planning board was voted by the town.

A survey committee consisting of the current school committee (Lloyd Mason, Lucius Stark, and Caroline Shores) plus a committee appointed at town meeting (Wendell E. Streeter, Chairman, Richard C. Phelps, Iva Root) worked hard and long to persuade the town to build a new elementary school. Appointed in 1945, it was not until 1948 that real activity was started and a building committee appointed at Town Meeting. The survey committee was increased by one member: Delmar Magoon, the new member of the school committee. Following the suggestions of the survey committee, the building committee proposed that a site be purchased for a new building for the grades, consolidating the four district schools. Through the efforts of these groups, acting as one committee, the Estabrook lot off South Street was acquired as a site for a new elementary school.

Principals: Vernet S. Keller, 1938-1942; Eva M. Palmer, Acting Principal, Sept. to Nov. 1942; John Somes, Nov. 1942-June 1943; Laurence E. Goss, 1943-1946; Robert S. Ewing, 1946-1953.

1950-1960

At a special town meeting in 1950, the town appropriated \$210,000 to build a new, consolidated elementary school, which opened in 1951. In addition to six classrooms, this building had a kindergarten, all purpose room, library, teachers' room, health room, office, lunch room, kitchen, suitable storage and toilet facilities. This was considered "the greatest progress in elementary education in the history of the town." In 1951, the enrollment of the Bernardston Elementary School was 167 and in 1960 it had increased to 224.

For the elementary school a weekly savings program was maintained; a new R.C.A. movie projector brought visual aids to the

classrooms. A glee club, a school band and boys' physical education program added interest to school life. The school became a center for many activities and organizations such as: Cub Scouts, Elementary Band, 4-H Clubs, P.T.A., and adult education classes. The Bernardston Community Club gave foundation plantings and trees along the road to the school; the P.T.A. gave playground equipment; the American Legion presented a flag; and the Bernardston Grange gave two trees.

The district schoolhouses were sold or disposed of as follows: Huckle Hill School still stands unused; North Bernardston School became a summer home in Packer's Corners, Guilford, Vt.; East School was used for some time as an antique shop, but now stands vacant; Bald Mt. and South Street Schools were made into attractive homes and Green School was converted into the American Legion Home.

A committee was chosen in 1953 to work with a similar group from Warwick and Northfield to consider a Regional High School. The following year, eighty-three acres of land were purchased on Route 10, about half way between Bernardston and Northfield. This became the site of the Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Teachers, school committee members, superintendents, and custodians, will be long remembered for their faithful service to the town and its young people. Mention should be made of elementary teachers who have taught the greatest number of years: Alta J. Denison, Harriet N. Farr, Lillian B. Richmond, and Aimee M. Whithed who completed fifty years of teaching, mainly in Bernardston.

P.I. Principals: Robert S. Ewing, 1946-1953; Robert C. Upham, 1953-1957.

Elementary School Principals: R. Philip Chamberlin, 1951-1952; James M. Tyler, 1952-1954; Hugh S. Hayden, 1955- .

Superintendents: J. E. Warren, 1896-1898; none listed again until 1902; W. H. Cummings, 1902-1906; Mortimer H. Bowman, 1906-1912; Clinton J. Richards, 1912-1917; Elmer F. Howard, 1917-1921; E. J. Best, 1921-1925; Linville W. Robbins, 1925-1941; Robert N. Taylor, 1941-1948; F. Sumner Turner, 1948- .

Powers Institute was closed in 1957 after 100 years of use, and many former students, both young and old, have a feeling of sadness as they see the deserted building standing on the hill.

POWERS INSTITUTE BEQUESTS

ISAAC B. SNOW PRIZES

IN 1926, Isaac B. Snow set aside a sum of money, directing that the interest should be used for cash prizes for Powers Institute seniors at graduation. The Valedictorian prize was thirty dollars, the Salutatorian, fifteen dollars. At the first presentation of the prizes in 1927, the awards were made in gold coin. Since Powers closed in 1957, legal action is now being taken so that the two high-ranking Bernardston seniors at Pioneer Valley Regional School will receive the awards.

Mr. Snow was born in 1850, and spent his boyhood and youth on his father's farm on Bernardston Road in Greenfield. This farm, later named "Elmhurst," was so near Bernardston that Mr. Snow regarded Bernardston as his home town. He attended Powers Institute in 1862, and was always a loyal alumnus.

As a young man, Mr. Snow "went west," like so many other youths of the period. He was employed by the Wabash and the Union Pacific railroads, and was engaged in the settling of land grants in Kansas when Indian troubles were rife. In 1879, he became associated with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in their Chicago office, and remained there until his retirement to the Snow farm in 1909. Mr. Snow became a Bernardston summer resident in 1920, and purchased a home on Center Street which is still in the family. He was a public-spirited citizen, taking a great interest in the town and especially in its young people. His generous provision for prizes was gratefully received by the town.

JENNESS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

THE JENNESS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION was formed at the Powers Institute Alumni Reunion in 1928, by thirty former pupils of the late Mrs. Emily C. Jenness. The memorial fund started at that time, with pledges of about \$100.00, has been increased by later contributions to a total of \$360.00 in 1961.

The income from this fund was to be used as prizes for Powers Institute pupils. Originally given for prize speaking, the awards now in 1961 consist of a character prize and a prize for excellence in English, these being presented to two Bernardston seniors at the Pioneer Valley Regional School. The fund is now administered by a committee of former winners of these awards.

Mrs. Jenness was a native of Brookfield, Vermont, and attended New Hampton College, from which she graduated in 1860. She taught at Powers from 1872 to 1877, with Prof. Sanborn, and again for a year 1878 to 1879, with Prof. Stratton. She was probably the most popular and best-loved teacher in the history of the school. Incidentally she pronounced her name with accent on the first syllable.

Mrs. Walter E. Nichols of Greenfield, formerly Nellie Hale of Bernardston, aged 102 years in 1961, is undoubtedly the last of the Jenness pupils.

THE MORGAN FUND

IN 1934, Powers Institute received a bequest of \$1000.00 from the estate of George F. Morgan of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Mr. Morgan was an alumnus of the Institute, having attended the school in 1864 and 1865.

He came to the Institute from Northfield, and later taught school in Chicopee and Northfield. At the time of his death he was a resident of Cambridge, where he was a conveyancer and justice of the peace.

The principal sum of this legacy has been kept intact, the interest having been used to purchase a teacher's desk and chair, a dictionary and a projector for the school. In 1935 the P.I. trustees voted to turn the income over to the town treasurer, for use by the school committee as they should see fit.

H. A. PERRY GIFT

POWERS INSTITUTE in 1943 received a gift of two thousand dollars through the generosity of Harry A. Perry, summer resident of Bernardston and a native of Riverside, in Gill, Massachusetts. The money was part of a gift of four thousand dollars to the Town of Bernardston "to be used toward alterations on Powers Institute and the town hall."

Harry A. Perry, affectionately known as "H.A.," was the son of a lumberman in Riverside and attended the Institute in 1883, boarding at Cushman Hall. After his attendance at Powers, he went to St. Marys, Kansas, where he worked on a ranch. Several trips were made by him to visit his fiancée, Maveret Burrows of Bernardston, combining pleasure with business trips to transport

cattle to points of sale. Later, Mr. Perry married Miss Burrows and the couple went to Salina, Kansas, where they had a small poultry and egg business. With his brother, John G. Perry, "H.A." formed the company of Perry Brothers in 1890 at Manhattan, Kansas which was purchased by the Perry Packing Company in 1921. Later the Perrys located in Topeka, Kansas, where "H.A." was vice-president of Seymour Packing Company. (Now Seymour Foods.)

"H.A." was a prominent and popular figure in the life of Bernardston, and with his family, spent each summer here for many years. He was always interested in Bernardston and its schools and will be gratefully remembered for his generosity.

POWERS INSTITUTE REUNIONS

THE GREENFIELD Gazette & Courier of August 23, 1880, contained an account of the first of a series of triennial reunions of Powers Institute held on August 19. This account was in part as follows: "The reunion of old students of Bernardston last Thursday was a thorough success. . . . The Town Hall was full day and evening and everyone seemed to fully enjoy the varied exercises. The address of welcome was by Principal Jackson. . . . The oration by Rev. Aaron Field was carefully written and well delivered; the subject was 'Truth' which he defined as 'God's Thoughts.' At the close of the morning exercises all present were invited to partake of a bountiful and elegant collation in the lower hall. . . . The afternoon was devoted by most of the old students to visiting the school buildings and friends. The evening session called together a larger crowd than was present in the morning. . . ."

Five hundred were present at the reunion of 1883, and four hundred in 1886, at which time a "collation" was furnished by "Landlord Allen" of the New England House. Although there had been four triennial reunions, the Alumni Association was not formed until 1890. Officers were then chosen and a constitution drawn up. The Association held its first annual Alumni dinner in 1893 and these meetings continued through 1900, occurring in June, while the triennials were held in August. Printed programs of the dinner meetings of 1893, 1894 and 1895 may be seen at Cushman Library. A toastmaster was appointed and members of the Association responded with speeches. The menus were elaborate and evidently furnished by a caterer, but later the women of

the churches served the luncheons. The reunion of 1895 was held in Sylvan Grove.

A catalog of Powers Institute teachers and students was published in 1895, having been compiled by Mrs. Henry Crowell (Kate Slate), who attended the Institute in 1866; the Association expressed appreciation for her long and arduous labors. A "hanging committee" was chosen also in 1895 to attend to the hanging of portraits of six former principals: Professors Ward, Hunt, Sanborn, Underwood, Jackson and Mrs. Jenness, and these pictures hung for many years in Chapel Hall.

As long as there were any pupils of the early days, especially those of Prof. Ward's time, returning for reunions, there was great enthusiasm. In his time the town was full of young people; Cushman Hall was overflowing, and everyone in town who had spare rooms rented them to students during the school year. The house-keeping experiences of the boys furnished tall tales at reunion time.

Besides the regular trains, two express trains stopped on reunion days, and the townspeople sent their carriages to the railroad station to bring returning students to the Town Hall. The order of the day has remained much the same throughout the years: business meeting, roll call, short speeches, reminiscences, a musical program, the singing of "Powers, Oh, Dear Powers," written for the 1893 reunion by Mrs. David Cronyn (Zella Reid), and time out to visit friends and the old school. A reception and dance were held in the evening.

Mrs. Lucy Cutler Kellogg's name appears frequently in the records, not only as necrologist for many years but as one who took an active part in the reunions and gave many valuable suggestions. As a girl of fifteen she attended the first reunion in 1880, and the Gazette's account of that meeting tells that the "Morning programme was commenced with a piece of Instrumental music by Miss Lucy Cutler. . . ."

For the 1940 reunion, a pageant of six episodes was written and read by Mrs. Kellogg and presented at the Town Hall. This was called "Along the Years at Powers Institute" and depicted the school history from 1857 to 1940. Pupils currently attending Powers walked down the middle aisle to the stage, dressed to represent the students of long ago, while music appropriate to the various periods was sung.

The outstanding president of the Alumni Association was un-

doubtedly Cornelius A. Parker (class of 1889) who served through six reunions, 1922 to 1940. Mr. Parker was a member of the law firm of Parker, Weir and Newton of Boston.

The Alumni officers in 1943 decided that it would be inadvisable to hold the reunion, owing to war-time conditions. This is the only triennial reunion omitted since they began in 1880; even hurricane "Connie" of 1955 failed to discourage the alumni, and one hundred fifty-two registered on that day.

A new feature was added at the 1949 reunion by the late Edith L. Barber. This was a collection of programs, photographs and class group pictures which were exhibited in the East Room of Powers Institute. This feature has been continued to the present time as it created great interest.

The reunion of 1958 was held at the Institute with one hundred forty-six registering. Considerable time was spent in discussion of what could be done with Powers Institute as it no longer existed as a school. Fred Stange, custodian, made a table and gavel from a butternut tree which stood near the building and this was presented to the presiding officer of the association. The afternoon ended with an automobile cavalcade of classes, "From Powers to Pioneer." It proceeded to the new Pioneer Valley Regional School, where a guided tour was held.

The Alumni officers decided to postpone the reunion of 1961 for a year and join with the two hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of the town in 1962. John B. Morton of Concord, N. H. (class of 1930) is now president of the Alumni Association.

The town in 1958 decided to make a recreation center of Powers Institute and letters were sent to all alumni asking for contributions for this purpose. At the present time little has been done and the building is used only as a meeting place for the Boy Scouts.

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL

THERE are three aspects of the Pioneer Valley Regional School that may be of interest to future generations, namely: Building History, Building Facts and Cost Facts.

THE BUILDING HISTORY

On October 1, 1953, November 19, 1953 and December 14, 1953, the Towns of Bernardston, Northfield and Warwick, respectively, in special town meetings, voted to instruct their

moderators to appoint three persons to serve on a Regional School District Planning Board. The members of the Bernardston committee appointed were Wendell Streeter, Delmar Magoon and Virginia Deane.

The Regional School District was established on May 25, 1954 by the vote of the three towns approving the agreement submitted by the Planning Board. The agreement had been approved by the Commission of Education and the Emergency Finance Board of Massachusetts, which apportioned the annual capital costs as follows: Bernardston 30.8%, Northfield 57.7% and Warwick 11.5%. The annual operating costs are proportionate to the pupil enrollment as of October first and December first of each year.

According to the agreement, two Regional committee members in each town were to be elected at the annual town meeting, one for a three-year term and one for a two-year term; the third member to be from the local school committee. The first elected members from Bernardston were Wendell Streeter and Anna Wilcox. The third member was Paul Donaldson. The committee members from the three towns organized with Wendell Streeter as Chairman.

Some thirty different names for the district were submitted in a contest. The name finally selected was "The Pioneer Valley Regional School District."

On October 21, 1954, the present site was selected for the school and was purchased from Horace Bolton and Gardner Hudson. This site was enthusiastically approved by John Marshall, Administrator of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission, who thought it the best school site in the state.

The committee approved a seal depicting the Pioneer Ox Yoke over the Lamp of Knowledge and surmounted by an Open Book.

The firm of Architects Collaborative of Cambridge was the committee's selection as architect. On November 10, 1955 the approval of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission was given to the final working drawings. These plans used the site to the best advantage. Ground was broken on April 16, 1956 and work progressed so that on September 16, 1957 The Pioneer Valley Regional School opened its doors to the students of the district, numbering approximately 320 from grades 7 through 12. By September 1960 the enrollment had increased to 456.

In the spring of 1960 the Town of Leyden petitioned the Pioneer Valley Regional School District for membership. This re-

quired a favorable vote of each of the member towns. Leyden will pay 1% more yearly than the other towns until its share of the initial cost is paid. Its inclusion changed the capital cost of each town as follows: Bernardston 27.8%, Northfield 52.2%, Warwick 10.4% and Leyden 9.6%.

BUILDING FACTS

The site comprises 83.172 acres. As a private water supply was necessary, a gravel packed well was made having a depth of 32 feet, supplying 60 gallons of water per minute. A private drainage and sewage disposal system had to be constructed. Approximately 2600 feet of roadway and an 80-car parking area were also included in the construction.

The building includes ten academic classrooms, located in the two wings; fourteen special rooms including science, art, home economics, laboratories, as well as a library, health room, guidance rooms and administration offices. There are also a large lobby, an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 500, a cafeteria seating 300 and a divided gymnasium. A separate building houses the Vocational Agriculture section.

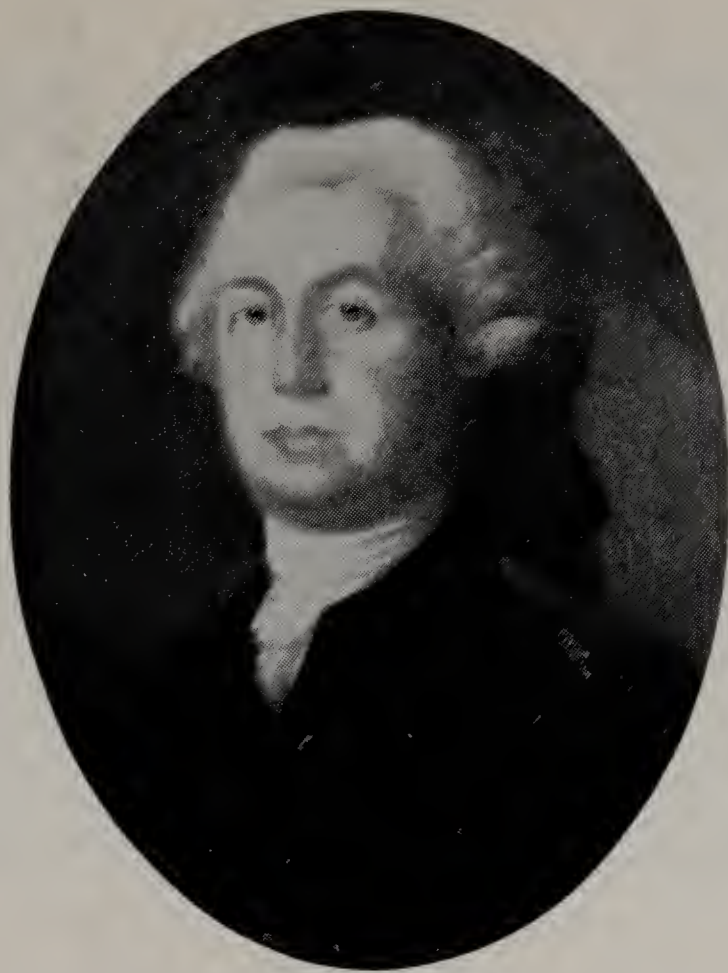
COST FACTS

The total cost of the school was \$1,472,748.97, divided as follows: the site, \$18,000.00; architect's fee, \$90,766.08; construction, \$1,243,047.00; equipment, \$107,438.89; other costs, \$13,497.00. The cost was financed by two bonds, one for an 18-year period, the other for a 20-year period, issued by The Second National Bank of Boston.

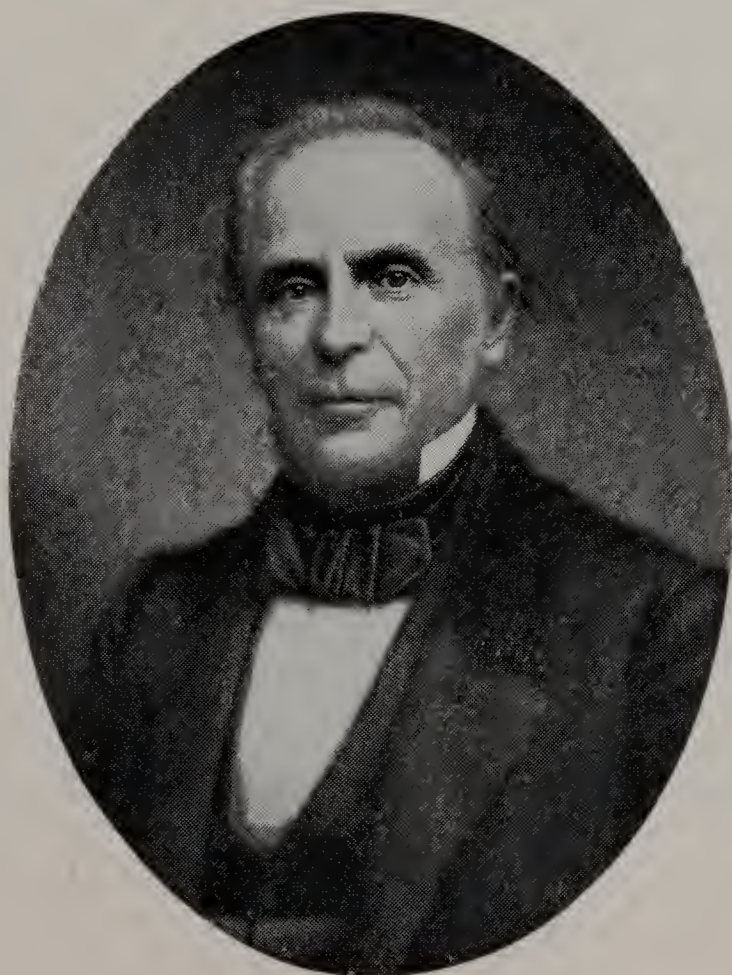
PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

ABOUT 1911, Mrs. Leon Nelson suggested that a Mothers' Club be formed having for one of its aims the provision of recreation for the students of Powers Institute. A volley ball team was organized and many speakers on child welfare and education were heard. Mrs. Richard Price was the first president. The club entered a float in the parade of 1912 at the time of the 150th anniversary of the town. In 1914, the club merged with the newly formed Parent-Teacher Association.

There are no records available for several years; however, on January 14, 1931, a meeting was held for the purpose of reviving



Sir Francis Bernard, Royal Governor, 1762.
For whom the Town is named.



Henry W. Cushman, 1805-1863.
Bernardston benefactor.



Cushman Library, gift to the Town in 1862.
Locust tree removed in 1953.



Cushman Hall, willed to the Town in 1863.
Home of Powers Institute Principals
and out-of-town Students.



Cushman Park, willed to the Town in 1863.



Henry W. Cushman's residence built in 1850.
Given to the Unitarian Society
for a parsonage in 1863.



First Meeting-house, built 1739.
Unitarian Church since 1822.



Marker placed on Huckle Hill in observance of
Massachusetts Tercentenary in 1930.



Goodale Memorial United Church, dedicated in 1831.
The Hon. Job Goodale was its benefactor.



Methodist Episcopal Church on Center Street,
built in 1852 and razed in 1947.



First Baptist Church, erected in 1851.
The Society was organized in 1782.



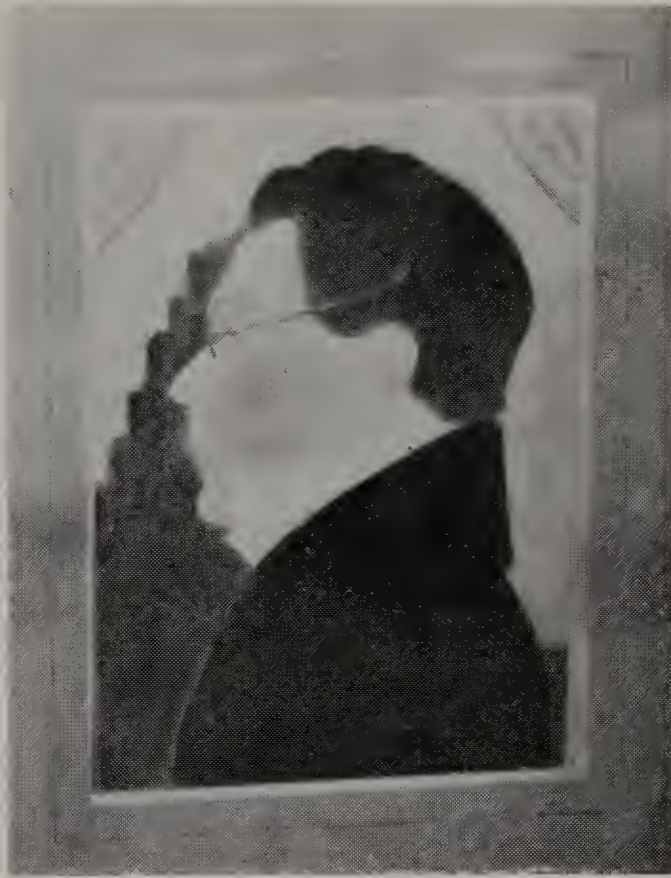
"Ashley House," an early Baptist Church.
Demolished in 1959 during construction of Route 91.

PASTEL PROFILES PAINTED BY
MRS. RUTH BASCOM OF GILL, 1836.



Mrs. Mary Rogers

Pastor of the first church in 1809, who continued as pastor of the Unitarian Church until 1845.



Rev. Timothy Rogers



Eunice Emeline Connable
1814-1872.
Great-grandmother of
Paul D. Shores.



Paul Jones Allen
1826-1909.
Grandfather of
Elinor Barber Cronyn.



East Bernardston School, District No. 6,
closed in 1951.



Bernardston Elementary School,
opened in 1951.



Powers Institute,
the gift of Edward Epps Powers,
served the Town for one hundred years,
1857-1957.



Pioneer Valley Regional School,
serving Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield,
and Warwick, opened in 1957.



Town Hall, dedicated in 1878, showing clock given by Mrs. Abbie Burrows Coy in 1901.



Old Post Office, burned in 1931, corner of Church and Center Streets.
Postmaster, Irwin B. Hale, stands in doorway.



Millpond and Bald Mountain, taken from
Northfield Road in August, 1958.



Interstate Highway 91 opened in June, 1960,
also taken from Northfield Road.



A mural painted in 1812 by a British s



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Donaldson,
the "Ryther House."



he northeast room of the Ryther House.



First Post Office, located in the Ryther House,
1813-1839,
showing sliding wooden shutters.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Shores,
formerly the J. & E. Connable Tavern.



Ballroom in the Connable Tavern showing
the Fiddler's Stand and "Asking Seat."



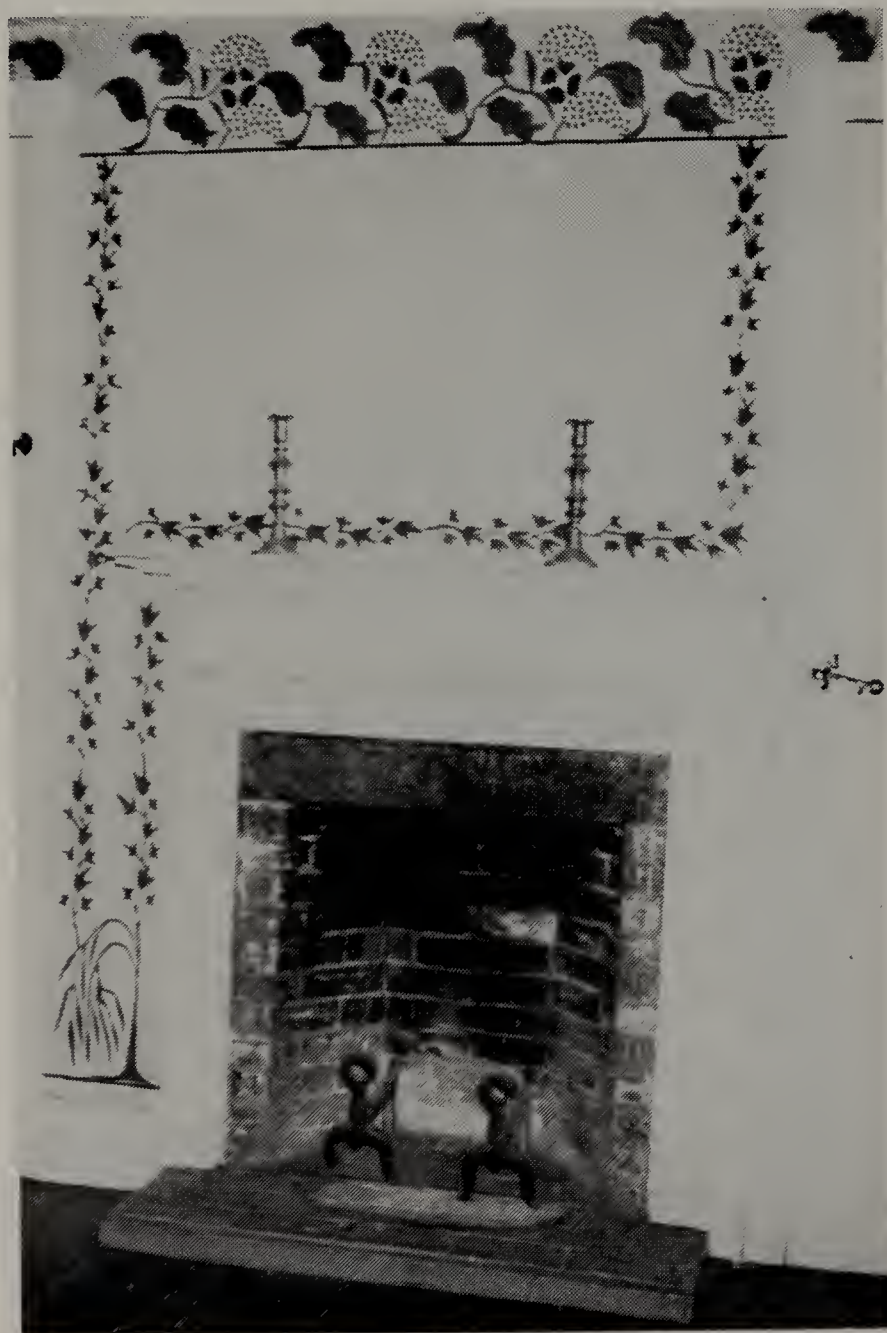
The original kitchen in the Connable Tavern.



Wallpaper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Whithed,
put on in squares in 1816.



The Captain Moses Scott house,
now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Harland Clark.



The stenciled wall in the Clark house,
painted by a British officer in 1812.

the Parent-Teacher Association to effect a closer relationship between parents and teachers. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ernest Schaufus; Vice-President, Myron Barber; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur Nelson; Treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Gale. Twenty-eight joined the association at that time and later the local group became affiliated with the national organization.

This group found that many improvements were needed in all the schools. Plays were presented in order to help furnish the necessary funds for these needs. Globes, reference books and flags were given to the schools. Perhaps the greatest need at the Green School was proper lighting. Electric lights had not yet been installed in this school building. One day Paul Donaldson was chatting with his father about his day at school. Mr. Donaldson asked, "Well, Paul, what did you learn today?" Paul replied, "Nothing, it rained." His father said, "Yes it rained, but what does that have to do with learning anything?" "When it rains we play games all day, because we can't see to do anything else," was the boy's quick reply. As a result of this incident, in 1936 Mrs. Fred Donaldson, then president of the P.T.A., and her husband decided it was time for action.

After consulting with several officials of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Mr. Donaldson learned "that they could do nothing about it." The reason given for refusal was that it would cost about six hundred dollars to install poles, wires and a transformer since the company's services did not extend up School Street.

Mr. Donaldson was still persistent and brought to the attention of the officials several life-sized posters in their own display window urging parents and teachers to provide proper lighting for school children. As a result of this, the officials agreed to have a meeting of the directors on the matter the following day. The Electric Light Company agreed to install the necessary equipment provided that the school committee would finance the interior wiring of the schoolhouse. After pressure was brought to bear, the school committee agreed to do this, the lights were turned on, and students were given lessons rain or shine. The teacher, Miss Harriet Farr, and the pupils wrote letters of appreciation to Mr. Donaldson. The letters have been presented to Cushman Library, and it should be interesting to those pupils to read the notes they wrote twenty-five years ago.

In the late 1930's the Parent-Teacher Association dissolved and

there was no P.T.A. in Bernardston until 1947 when talk of a new elementary school revived interest in such a group. The first officers of this new group were: President, Mrs. Daniel Winkler; Vice-President, Mrs. Wendell Streeter; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Morton Whithed; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Nicholson; Treasurer, Mr. Richard Phelps.

Throughout the years ways and means committees have done much to raise the necessary money to finance various projects and activities. Much credit goes to Delmar Magoon, Patricia Chamberlin, Ann and John Senior, Alan Pratt and William Field, Jr. who directed plays.

Many are the accomplishments of the P.T.A. At the elementary school a merry-go-round, jungle gym, teeter boards and ball backboards were furnished along with a bubbler system for outdoors; books for the library and furnishings for the teachers' room and the health room and equipment for the visual aid department. At Powers Institute basketball uniforms, sneakers, letters and trophies for the athletes were provided. An annual scholarship of one hundred dollars was given to a Bernardston student going on to a school of higher learning. For both schools, the P.T.A. purchased a projector; provided special medical examinations for needy students and made vitamin pills available to all pupils. Each year a deserving child of Bernardston was sent to the Greenfield Health Camp. The Pee Wee League received help from the association and on Hallowe'en a rag shag parade was sponsored through the cooperation of other organizations.

In 1959, after two years of operation at the new Pioneer Valley Regional School, a group of parents met with the faculty to start an organization for that unit. Frank Foster of Bernardston was elected the first president. This unit also gives a scholarship to the deserving student who goes on to a school of higher learning. Public dinners, auctions, talent shows, plays, famous lecturers and catering service have helped to swell the treasury of this group.

THE NORTH BERNARDSTON SCHOOL

RALPH H. CUSHMAN, a native of Bernardston took an active part in the affairs of the town. He did considerable writing in his later years of the old days in Bernardston, and the following are some of his recollections.

The first school house at North Bernardston was a one-room building with an ell attached for coat room and woodshed. The

desks and benches were of chestnut wood and had been carved by many jackknives. The floor was of wide boards and badly worn; the side walls were boarded up to the windows, which were so high that the pupils could not see the road without standing. The blackboards were real boards, painted, and as there were no crayons, the pupils used lumps of chalk. Very little paper was available and slates were used instead; the parents supplied the schoolbooks.

There were two terms, the summer and the winter. In the latter, older students came in for a review or refresher course. Actually, the older boys usually worked on the farms during the summer, though some had been teaching school.

The schools were not graded; when the pupils were sufficiently advanced and passed an examination conducted by the school committee plus two Powers Institute trustees, they could be admitted to the Institute.

After a new school was built about 1877, the old one was sold to Henry C. Cushman, Ralph's father, and moved by oxen to the corner of Couch Brook and Brattleboro Roads, where it now stands, used as a dwelling house. The so-called new school was closed in 1918 and later moved to Packer's Corners in Guilford, Vermont.

Some of the games played at recess and mentioned by Mr. Cushman were "I spy" and "Peel away" tag. These games and many others were played in the rural schools all over the region as well as in Bernardston.

Pum, pum, peel away, or pede away, or pull away, as a New Hampshire native called it, was one of the most popular games. Others were, On the Green Carpet, Here We Stand, Blind Man's Buff, Drop the Handkerchief, London Bridge, Fox and Geese, Run Sheep Run, and several kinds of tag. On stormy days, the indoor play might be Puss in the Corner or Clap In Clap Out. Some of these games were used in the district schools until quite recently, when playground equipment and organized games were introduced. Many, or perhaps most of them were of English origin, brought over by early settlers, and handed down through the generations.

Chapter VIII

ORGANIZATIONS

COMMUNITY CLUB

REPRESENTATIVES of the churches and other organizations in town met January 4, 1922, with Rev. Margaret B. Barnard at the Unitarian Church parsonage to consider forming a community club. The suggestion was favorably accepted and on the afternoon of January 9, 1922, the first meeting was held at Miss Barnard's with twenty-eight women present. Miss Barnard presided at the meeting and it was voted to form an organization to be called the Community Club. The first Monday of each month was chosen as the meeting day and all the ladies in Bernardston were cordially invited to attend. The first officers elected were: President, Rev. Margaret B. Barnard; First Vice-President, Mrs. Howard M. Moat; Second Vice-President, Miss Bernice M. Cairns; Secretary, Mrs. Walter G. Buchanan; Treasurer, Miss M. Jennie Mackay. Mrs. John Wilson of Greenfield attended this first meeting and gave an interesting talk on club work. Various town topics, including the schools and the coming town meeting, were discussed at a second meeting held during January. In February a banquet was held at the Bernardston Inn with Miss Barnard acting as toastmaster. The entertainment consisted of group singing and speakers including Rev. Richard E. Birks, Supt. of Schools, E. J. Best, Prin. Walter Buchanan, Rev. Eugene M. Frary, Mrs. Ralph Cushman, Dr. B. A. Chapman, Mr. Ray Franklin and Mr. R. M. Barstow of Greenfield.

Several meetings were held that first year at Powers Institute with entertainment furnished by some of the scholars, and also by the Mandolin Club, the Powers Institute Principal and Dr. Patterson of Northfield. The Community Club took over some of the activities of the Parent-Teacher Association (which had been dissolved) by aiding the betterment of the school children. A dental clinic and a health and well-child clinic were sponsored for pre-school children.

Through the years the Community Club has contributed much toward the improvement of Bernardston. The club was instrumental in getting two heated and lighted dressing rooms at the Town Hall. Financial assistance was given toward improving

Cushman Park in conjunction with the Betterment Club and later, a tennis court was added with help from interested citizens. Fresh-Air-Children were given the privilege of a vacation in the country. During the twenties and thirties, the club furnished entertainments for the Cushman Free Lecture Course which was popular then. Many excellent plays were also presented by the club. Money was contributed toward new chairs for the Town Hall in 1931. For several years Christmas Carol Services were given at the various churches and Christmas baskets were filled and sent to shut-ins. The Baby Show was a popular annual event as was the summer sale of food and fancy work. A considerable sum of money has been given to help landscape the Elementary School. Contributions have been made to the various nation-wide fund drives, financial assistance has been given when needed to local families stricken by disaster, help has been furnished for local projects and members have been remembered with flowers or fruit when they were ill. The annual smorgasbord supper became the major money-making affair of the year.

The Community Club meeting day has been changed to Tuesday with most of the meetings held in the evening and officers serving two years only. Outside speakers have furnished interesting, instructive programs and some of the committees have furnished their own entertainments. The club is still open to all the women of the town, who are welcome to join.

EXTENSION SERVICE FOR HOMEMAKERS

THROUGH the United States Department of Agriculture, Franklin County offered extension work to homemakers in county towns in 1916. As near as can be determined from past records, Bernardston had its first extension meeting at that time conducted by Vera Smith and Joseph H. Putnam, with both men and women attending.

In 1935, the gathering was given the name of "The Project Group" and went under that heading for several years. Bernardston was one of six county towns to first have an organized group of homemakers. To become an organized group, there had to be three women serving on the Franklin County Advisory Board, a town chairman, and at least six informative meetings a year. All of these requirements and more have been met. The council members were faithful in attending the county meetings and in seeing that the county offered popular subjects. Town chairmen sched-

uled at least eight informative meetings and sometimes more each year.

The meetings are much the same now as in the past. Usually they are held during the day from ten a.m. to two p.m. Sometimes hot dishes or salads are brought for potluck luncheons. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from September through May, and sometimes more often if there are any special projects being taught.

In 1935, homemakers were taught the shortest and simplest ways to can for food preservation. Now a homemaker preserves many of these same products in her freezer. All phases of sewing have always been popular, including the repairing, altering, and making of new garments for members of the family. The electric machine, with all its attachments, changes the method of sewing. The modern mother still makes garments for her children as her mother did for her twenty-five years ago.

Other popular projects over the years have been food preparation, nutrition, home improvement, child-care, financial forums, Christmas workshop and methods of buying and using home appliances and other products on the market. Nearly one hundred adults attended the Christmas workshop in 1958. This attendance was the largest in Franklin County and ranked high in the State. Projects are taught in two ways; one by the county agent, who has been taught by a specialist from the University of Massachusetts, and the other by leader-trainers. A leader-trainer is a homemaker who goes to some designated place to get her training from a county agent, and in turn brings it back to no less than five people. This enables the town to obtain many more informative projects in a year.

At present, as in 1916, there are more meetings for both men and women. Many of these meetings, held in or near Greenfield, have been home forums for residents of the county, or for anyone interested in the subjects being taught.

4-H CLUB WORK

THE WORK of the 4-H Club started in 1909, without organization or leaders. Project records were sent each month to Amherst and the State Leader came around once a year to check the projects. The highlight of the agricultural group was judging ear corn at the fairs.

In 1919, the Extension Service set up an office in Greenfield where records were handled and individual work continued until

1936, when the County Dairy Club was formed. Meetings were held once a month with the County Agent. This stimulated enough interest so that people began to start clubs in their own towns.

In the year 1920, Clarence Pratt, local club leader, worked with club members and was of much help to them. Thirty-seven young people were enrolled in the following projects: Poultry, Canning, Pig, Garden, Potato and Corn, which had a total value of approximately \$640. Forty-two boys and girls continued with the same projects in 1925. Two health floats were entered in the 4-H Club parade at the Greenfield Fair and members exhibited their poultry and garden products as well as canning. Clothing and handicraft projects were organized during the winter season. Ninety-six young people participated in the preceding activities as well as in livestock in 1926.

Club work flourished during the next two years and in 1929, there were one hundred seven 4-H members in Bernardston. Clubs were organized at Powers Institute and Bald Mountain School. Members held a combined exhibit of their work in the Town Hall in the spring which was one of the best in Franklin County. Of note was the refinishing of desks by the High School Handicraft Club.

AGRICULTURAL CLUBS

The Bernardston Agricultural Club was formed in 1942 with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller as leaders. At first the meetings were held in the leaders' home. During the last five years of its existence, due to an enrollment of thirty-seven, meetings were at the Grange Hall.

The Bernardston Agricultural Club at first was a family group, often having two or three children from one family which resulted in keener competition. There were few registered animals in Bernardston when the club began. Each child had his own animals and kept records on each. Livestock was purchased by the 4-H member either with the help of his parents or from available loans for which applications could be made. It is interesting to note that the original six members stayed with the Bernardston Agricultural Club until they were twenty-one years of age.

In 1950, the club had seventy-three registered animals, the valuation of the cattle being \$16,740; twelve sheep valued at \$400; one hundred fifty chickens at \$300 and three gardens worth about \$300. This represented a lot of work for the boys and girls; the

care of animals or projects, keeping of records, and writing a story each year about their work.

The club members won many awards and prizes at the fairs, as well as many county and state awards. They showed at Greenfield and Northampton Fairs, with some going to the Eastern States Exposition. The Dairy Herd Foundation Award was presented to the club for four years, given for good attendance at the meetings and completion of records.

The club had a booth at Greenfield Fair and for four years won first prize. Practice judging at the barns of different farmers prepared them for the judging teams at the fairs. During the course of club work, five members represented the group at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago as state winners in the following projects: Margaret Slate in Achievement, Ellsworth Gale, Adrian Miller and Warren Root in Field Crops, and Catherine Miller in Dairy. The first brother and sister team, Catherine and Adrian Miller, to go to National 4-H Club Congress was from this group. Adrian won a second trip to Chicago for Achievement and received a \$300 scholarship.

A plaque given by the National Dairy Products Corporation for superior achievement in 4-H Club work, for excellence in Dairy, including records, use of proved sires, and general all-around ability, was won by Adrian Miller.

The first two years the annual Robert Trask Memorial Trophy for 4-H Club achievement in Citizenship, Leadership, and all-around character, was won by Adrian Miller and Warren Root.

The club was not all work; there was time for recreation. Every winter, members spent a week-end at the club house in Amherst with their County Agent and leaders, inviting their parents for Sunday dinner. During the summer, family picnics were held, and a family supper in connection with achievement meetings.

Much credit is due Mr. and Mrs. Miller for their many years of work with the 4-H youths, and congratulations go to them for the splendid record of prizes and outstanding accomplishments in the Bernardston Agricultural Club.

Howard Grover took the leadership of an Agricultural Club in 1956, following a lapse in Livestock Club work in town. The members of this club all showed cattle at Franklin County 4-H Fair, Franklin County Fair, and the State 4-H Show. Willis Deane had a Grand Champion Ayrshire heifer and Robert Deane was winner of the Tractor-Driving Contest. Robert also won a trip to the State Club Congress in Boston. Other members had their share of prizes also.

CANNING, COOKING AND SEWING

Miss Frances Andrews, Assistant County 4-H Club Agent, organized the Clover Leaf Canning Club in June, 1937. Mrs. Alfred Gay and Mrs. Herbert Slate were the leaders of this group. At the end of the summer, an exhibit was held at the Town Hall. The average record for the first year of canning was twenty-four jars of fruits and vegetables.

At the beginning of the second year (1938) of the Canning Club, Doris Flagg and Margaret Slate participated in a WHAI Extension Service Program. In the fall, a 4-H Clothing Club was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Raymond Dunnell and Mrs. Herbert Slate. After learning basic stitches and techniques, the girls made aprons, skirts and simple dresses.

The Canning Club continued its program during the summer of 1939. Members learned how to make jams and jellies, and gave demonstrations at meetings on methods of canning various products. Many of the Bernardston 4-H Club members attended the County 4-H Rally program in Greenfield in 1940, where girls took part in the Dress Revue in which they modeled the garments they had made. By summer of that year, girls in the Canning Club were canning over one hundred jars of fruits, vegetables, jams and jellies.

As part of the 1941 County Girls' Day Program, a model 4-H Club meeting was demonstrated by "The Little Women's Clothing Club" of Bernardston. Margaret Slate won the second highest score in the senior canning judging contest at the Massachusetts Horticultural Show in Boston in that same year.

During 4-H Mobilization Week in 1942, Miss Slate took part in a special radio broadcast over Station WHAI which emphasized the value of being a 4-H member; she was also one of the four Franklin County representatives in the State Dress Revue at the University of Massachusetts. In July, Marian Cairns and Margaret Slate attended State Camp at Amherst.

Demonstrations are a vital part of the 4-H program and several were given by club members. Life at Camp Howe in Goshen was also important, and gave 4-H members an opportunity to participate in outdoor activities, and to receive good citizenship training. One of the counselors at the camp in 1944 was Margaret Slate, and Catherine and Adrian Miller were campers that summer. Among county winners in 1944 were Catherine Miller in "Food for Victory" and Margaret Slate in "Food Preparation Project,"

Miss Slate also attended the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago as state winner in her project.

Participants in the 1945 County Girls' Dress Revue were Edith Burrows, Bernice Erving, Sylvia Grant, Shirley Livermore, Ann Root, and Margaret Slate. An apron made by Shirley Livermore and a suit made by Margaret Slate were displayed at Wilson's Department Store in Greenfield.

The New England Farm and Garden Association awarded a \$300 scholarship to Margaret Slate, when she entered the University of Massachusetts in September, 1945. At UM, she was active in the Campers 4-H Club and in October, she was initiated into the Massachusetts Chapter of "All Stars." During the summer of 1949, Miss Slate spent three months in Great Britain, as a participant in the International Farm Youth Exchange Program.

The Make and Bake 4-H Club was formed in 1948 with Mrs. Russell Hale and Mrs. William Field, Jr. as co-leaders. Cooking, Sewing, Child Care and Safety were among the projects taught the members. About seventy-five different girls joined this group during the years following its organization.

In 1949, the Grange voted to act as sponsor of a 4-H Club for girls, and several volunteer leaders held meetings at the Grange Hall. The Principal of Powers Institute, realizing the importance of girls learning to sew, allowed the last period of the school day, an activity period, to be used once a week for this purpose. Several girls took advantage of this opportunity.

Mrs. Hale formed the Happy Stitchers Club in January, 1956. This club was the result of a few meetings on creative stitchery. During 1958, a Food Preparation Project was added to the Stitchery Project and the name was changed to Happy Stitchers and Cookers 4-H Club. A charter was received by this group.

COMMUNITY 4-H CLUB

In the fall of 1960, with the assistance of the County Agents, the Bernardston Community 4-H Club was formed. Any child in town who joins a 4-H group, regardless of the project, belongs to this club. Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Miller are Advisors for the club and meetings are held monthly when special programs are presented. The project work is carried on with the leaders of the various groups periodically during the month. In this club there are three sewing groups (Elementary, Junior High and Senior High School girls), a cooking group, and an Agricultural Club. Leaders of the above clubs are; Mrs. William Field, Jr., Mrs. Rus-

sell Holmes, Mrs. Clarence Randall, Mrs. Russell Hale and Howard Grover.

Looking back across the years to the early part of the century when 4-H work first started in Bernardston, the accomplishments seem to indicate that members have lived up to their 4-H Club pledge:

"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking
My Heart to greater loyalty
My Hands to larger service
And my Health to better living
For my Club, my Community, and my Country."

BERNARDSTON'S COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

THE Community Garden Club was organized March 6, 1928, at a meeting in the vestry of the Baptist Church, when a constitution and a set of by-laws were drawn up. The object of the club is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs, to aid in the protection of native trees, plants and birds, and to encourage civic planting. Meetings are held monthly in the members' homes, and since December, 1939, a collection, which is the only means of income for the club, has been taken at each meeting. The programs have been varied and interesting. Sometimes, instead of the program, the members have gone on a garden tour, visiting gardens in other communities.

The club has sponsored flower shows, entered exhibits in the shows of other Garden Clubs, and has set out trees and shrubs in public places, including Cushman Park and the library. Several books have been purchased for the library in memory of members who have died. The organization subscribes annually to *Horticulture Magazine*, which is passed around among its members.

BERNARDSTON GRANGE NO. 81

ON FEBRUARY 15, 1875, a few citizens of Bernardston met at the Town Hall to consider the matter of organizing a Grange in the town. After some discussion it was voted to organize, with thirty charter members. Imla K. Brown was chosen for Master and was installed by Installing Officers Robinson of Blanford and Smith of "Coleraine." A meeting was held March 29, 1875, at Sanderson Hall, and at that time the remaining officers were installed by J. P. Felton, Master of Greenfield Grange. The organization was active for probably less than two years. The last

known records are of a meeting held on March 14, 1876, when officers for the year were installed.

Through the strenuous efforts of Frank W. Putnam, Edwin B. Hale, L. Dwight Slate and others, the present Grange was re-organized on February 25, 1903, by W. N. Howard of South Easton, Massachusetts. Mr. Hale occupied the station of Master with honor and dignity, and later became a member of the force of State deputies.

Succeeding Edwin B. Hale as Master are Myron L. Corbett, Frank W. Putnam, Ralph H. Cushman, Mrs. Edson W. Hale, Clarence S. Hale, Hugh E. Adams, Everett J. Slate, Ray E. Franklin, Walter Buchanan, Harry Foley, William J. Purrington, Clarence D. Pratt, Herbert E. Thurber, Hurbie F. Deane, who later became a State deputy, Eugene L. Turner, Ellis N. Franklin, Howard J. Grover, Clarence M. Deane, Clarence E. Jillson, Norman D. Field, Ruth F. Gale, Walter C. Grover, Jr., William E. Field, Jr., Ralph A. Marcotte and Raelene A. Bardwell.

Meetings were held regularly at the Town Hall until March, 1942, when the building was closed for a time for necessary repairs. Through the generosity of Mrs. Mabel Grover, meetings were held at her home until May, 1945, with the exception of a few special meetings held in the church vestries.

The Grange, in December 1944, passed a vote to purchase from Myron E. Barber a building on South Street formerly used as a store. Generous contributions were received from townspeople as well as former residents, which helped greatly toward the purchase and reconstruction of the building. On May 2, 1945, the first meeting was held in the new hall, and the formal dedication of the building took place on November 14, 1946, with Mrs. Dorothy Warden, Worthy State Lecturer, as dedicating officer.

While the Grange is primarily an agricultural organization, in its earlier days it served as a social center, there being few such activities aside from those connected with the churches. However, as time has gone on, many other groups have been organized and the Grange has continued to work in conjunction with them for the good of the community.

Members of the Grange were instrumental in organizing Bernardston Old Home Day which has now grown into the Old Home Day Association, an organization in itself. From time to time Grange Fairs have been held in the Town Hall, and records note that on one occasion one hundred thirty-five varieties of potatoes were exhibited by Ralph H. Cushman. Also, for many

years the Grange has exhibited at the Franklin County Fair in Greenfield. Many public dinners and suppers have been served by the Grange members, and dances, card parties and food sales have also been ways of raising funds.

Among community projects sponsored by the Grange could be mentioned the erection of street signs and the installation of electric lights in Cushman Park. The organization also shared the expense of a water fountain in the Park, contributed toward community Christmas trees, and planted several trees along the road to the Elementary School.

The Bernardston Grange has given approximately five hundred dollars since 1912 to the Massachusetts State Grange Educational Aid Fund which helps the youth of the Grange who wish to further their education. Several of our young people have availed themselves of the opportunities made possible by this fund through its loan and scholarships.

Yearly contributions have been made to charitable organizations such as The American Cancer Society, The Heart Association, Infantile Paralysis Foundation, Franklin County Public Health Association, United Fund of Franklin County, Franklin County Association for Retarded Children, Kurn Hattin Homes, and many others.

Included in the membership are forty-three members of the National Grange, and the following persons have been members of the Order for more than fifty years: Mrs. Minnie Thurber and Mr. Arthur Gadd of Bernardston, Mrs. Grace McMurdy of Vernon and Mrs. Bertha Putnam of Easthampton.

The Grange is a group in which young and old work together in an effort to build a better community in which to live.

BERNARDSTON MEN'S CLUB

IN JANUARY, 1945, a group of men of the Goodale United Church met at the invitation of their pastor, Rev. Frederick Dixon, to consider organizing a Men's Club in the society. In their discussion, the purpose of the proposed club, as envisioned by those present, seemed to call for a larger fellowship than could be found in the one church. The committee members were Wendell Streeter, Myron Barber, Kenneth Howard, Richard Phelps and Mr. Dixon; they arranged with the other churches of the town for an organization meeting at the Goodale Church on the evening of January 22. About thirty-five men from all three churches attended this meeting, and formed the Bernardston Men's Club. A

supper was served by the ladies of the host church; this was the beginning of the custom whereby the ladies of the three town churches serve suppers, in rotation, for club meetings. In the first year, meetings were held in the churches; since then, in the Town Hall. The club early joined the Franklin County Federation of Church Men's Clubs and Brotherhoods, and a member of the club, Richard Phelps, was at one time president of that organization. The purpose of the Men's Club is to promote fellowship and co-operation in community affairs. Any man living in Bernardston or vicinity, eighteen years of age or over, is eligible for membership.

Many projects have been carried out to provide funds, enabling participation in various community efforts. The major source of income since 1947 has been the booth at the Franklin County Fair. At first a temporary booth was leased, but in 1957, a group of members and Boy Scouts cut about 3500 board feet of timber, donated by club member Edgar Collis, the lumber being used to replace the old booth with a new and larger one. Christian Eckhoff was the member who conceived the idea of having a booth in the first place; he was the leader in preparing the first booth, and in building the present one. His departure for Florida was a great loss to the club. The booth is operated by relays of club members under the excellent management of Lynn Wyatt.

For several years, the Men's Club was in partnership with the local American Legion Post in producing the annual Minstrel Show, the proceeds helping to swell the treasury.

The Men's Club sponsored the Boy Scout Troop for one year in 1946, and again in 1954 when Troop 62 was organized, and has been the troop's sponsor since then. During the early years, Theodore Cronyn served as the Institutional Representative and did much to get the troop started. The club has given financial assistance to the troop, and boys have been sponsored at Camp Chesterfield and at the 1960 Jamboree at Colorado Springs. The Explorer Scouts are now a part of the set-up.

Support has also been given the "Y" swimming classes and the Little League teams, and individuals have been sponsored at Girls' State, Boys' State and Greenfield's Winter Carnival. An annual scholarship of \$50 was set up for a deserving Senior at Powers Institute. The amount was later raised to \$100.00, and is now given to a deserving Senior, a Bernardston resident, at Pioneer Valley Regional School. The Franklin County Hospital Building Fund, the Heart Fund, the United Fund, and various

others have received club contributions through the years, and some of the club members gave of their time and ability to assist with the building of the new 4-H dairy barn at the Fair Grounds.

The club's fellowship program has included: father and son baseball, father and daughter softball, cookouts and picnic style meetings, deep-sea fishing trips, father and son banquets with programs of interest to the younger generation, and the annual Ladies Night when the members and their "ladies" go out to dine and be entertained.

In November, 1960, a move was initiated to sponsor a football banquet and to award a trophy to the most valuable football player on the team at Pioneer Valley Regional School. Later, it was decided to include all competitive sports at the school. The Northfield Kiwanis and certain individuals in Leyden and Warwick joined the Bernardston Men's Club in this project, and the first Sports Trophy Banquet was held at P.V.R.S. in June, 1961.

UNION MISSION STUDY CLASS

EARLY RECORDS show that a number of ladies, representing the four churches, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Unitarian, met at the Baptist Church, September 6, 1905, to form a Union Mission Study Class. The original officers were: President, Mrs. Frederic W. Smith; Vice-President, Mrs. C. R. Sherman; and Secretary, Miss Catherine S. Slate.

The purpose of this group was to study and promote the cause of missions at home and abroad. In the early days original papers were written by the members. The class made contributions to the "Mountain Whites" of Virginia, the work among lepers at the Leonard Wood Memorial in the Philippines, and the Grenfell Mission in Labrador.

At the present time, there is still a small group of women meeting on the first Friday of each month, carrying on the work started in 1905.

BERNARDSTON OLD HOME DAY ASSOCIATION

THE FIRST Old Home Day was held in 1953, as a community service of the local Grange. Much planning had preceded this event, which included a parade of bicycles and doll-carriages, contests in wood-chopping, sawing, horse drawing, pie-eating and baseball. This affair was very successful, due to work by many persons, liberal contributions of local merchants and fine weather.

The Grange sponsored similar community programs in 1954 and 1955.

In 1956, an Old Home Day Association was formed, with a view to encouraging more participation by townspeople and town organizations, all being invited to take part. The Grange turned over to the Association the funds remaining from the previous affairs. The first Association President was Russell Deane. The 1956 program had, as added features, a chicken barbecue and a contest on home-baked cakes. Both of these features continued as popular parts of the program.

The celebrations were first held in Cushman Park, but beginning in 1957, the event has been held at the Chase House Field, on the third Saturday in July. However, one of the avowed purposes of the association is to select and purchase a site on which this event can be held, and which can be developed as a town recreation center and picnic site. No suitable place has yet been found which is for sale.

Many individuals, organizations and business establishments have contributed annually to the success of Old Home Day. The association holds its annual meeting in October, and other preparatory meetings during the year. There are no dues, and anyone willing to give of his time and strength is welcome to join.

GIRL SCOUTING IN BERNARDSTON

THE FIRST Girl Scout troop in the Town of Bernardston was organized in 1942 under the leadership of Miss Lucretia Taft. Miss Taft, popularly known as "Lukie," had twelve girls in this original troop. This troop received a charter from the national organization of Girl Scouts of America, and operated as a "lone troop" since there was no Girl Scout Council in Franklin County at that time. That year "Lukie" had no regular assistant but received help as needed from mothers of the girls.

The next year Mrs. Harold Coates became assistant leader with a group of sixteen girls. These leaders carried on until 1946 with a troop which continued to grow. The first troop carried on the Girl Scout program as outlined in the handbook with work on badges and went on many hikes around the vicinity of Bernardston. These were war years and gasoline was rationed so that long trips were impossible.

In 1947, Miss Ann Senior became leader with a troop of twenty-five girls, over twice the number in the original member-

ship. A group of interested women, with Miss Lena Corkins as chairman, formed a council.

Aside from program and badge work, the troop from 1947 to 1952 had various other activities which included overnight camping at Stonehenge, and an annual fair on St. Patrick's Day. One year a musical show, "*The Wedding of the Painted Doll*," was presented to help raise money for a movie projector for Powers Institute.

Bouquets of painted grasses and pine cones were presented to the hospitals and to the churches at Thanksgiving time and baskets were filled and presented to the shut-ins. Christmas card scrapbooks were made for the Veterans' Hospital. A senior troop was carried on for one year with a membership composed mostly of the original group.

Miss Ann Senior acted as troop leader until 1952 when she gave it up and no other leader was found, so Girl Scouting came to a halt in Bernardston.

In 1957 there was renewed interest in Girl Scouts. By this time a Franklin County Girl Scout Council had been formed and could offer the local people some help and encouragement. People interested in scouting held several meetings. Mrs. Raymond Bardwell agreed to be the leader with Mrs. Charles Herrick and Miss Jane Pratt as assistants. In December, 1957, twenty-five girls composed the troop which was officially registered and designated as Troop 83 for which the Bernardston Community Club voted to be the sponsoring organization.

Perhaps the most noteworthy activity of the year 1957 was a guided tour of New York City by the leader and a part of the troop. In addition, a hike was taken during maple sugar season to see one of the first pipe-line sap-gathering outfits in this area operated by the Streeters on Huckle Hill; then to Howard Grover's sugar house to see the boiling. Two blue spruce trees were planted on the lawn of the Elementary School, and a Mother-Daughter banquet was held during Girl Scout Week. Several girls, with assistance from the librarian at Cushman Library and also from their parents, ran a book service for shut-ins around the town.

Mrs. George Slocum became the leader in January of 1959. During this season, Red Cross swimming lessons were carried on at the pool of the Northfield School for Girls. Hikes were taken up Mt. Toby to the fire lookout tower, and up Mt. Sugarloaf and Mt. Grace. The girls knitted many squares for an afghan for Mrs. Bardwell, who had been forced to give up as leader because of ill

health. Older girls from the troop attended a three-day "camp-out" with other scouts from neighboring towns at Mt. Monadnock.

Each year, 1957 to 1960, Troop 83 took part in the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale to raise funds for troop and council. Mrs. Delmar Magoon was chairman of the drive and was the first in the county to get the returns to the council office. In 1960 the troop sold over nine hundred boxes of cookies.

During the 1960 season, swimming lessons were again conducted in Northfield. Three record hops were held for teenagers of the town. There was a hike and bike trip to Camp Stonehenge to work on conservation projects at the Girl Scout Camp. A very successful rummage sale was held in Greenfield to raise money for troop camping equipment and tents and tarp were bought. Again the troop joined in a King Philip neighborhood "camp-out" for three days, held this year at Windsor State Park in Western Massachusetts.

As another Scout year begins, it is hoped that Troop 83 will be able to continue to offer Girl Scouting experience to all Bernardston girls.

BROWNIES

There was a Brownie Troop in 1949 and 1950, with the following as leaders: Lucretia Taft, Barbara Harris and Margaret (Drew) Letourneau. There were about twelve girls in the troop who later became Girl Scouts. Food sales were held to earn money to send two girls to camp while two others paid their own expenses. There was no other activity until Brownie Troop 94 was formed in November, 1960. This consisted of twenty-five girls from the Elementary School with Mrs. Barbara Manning as leader. At the present time there are twenty-four active members.

BOY SCOUTS

A DESIRE for outdoor adventure, an open fire to cook over, and a soft bed of evergreen boughs; these elements of scouting appealed to boys long before 1910, when the Boy Scouts of America was organized.

The *Greenfield Gazette & Courier* mentioned a scout troop in Bernardston in 1926, but details are lacking, and duration unknown. Troop 12, the first chartered group in town, was formed in the early thirties. The man principally responsible for its organization was Rev. B. M. Prangnell, pastor of the Baptist Society.

With a particular interest in the welfare of boys, and a bicycle for transportation, he started the troop and used the Town Hall for a meeting place. Being a Canadian citizen, he could not be registered as Scoutmaster; the leader chosen was Richard Phelps, one of many men who have contributed greatly to scouting in Bernardston. Troop 12 had a camp near Fall River, east of the present Hollywood, on Walter Nelson's land.

Sponsors on record during this period were: Bernardston Grange in 1943, a group of citizens in 1944 and 1945, Bernardston Men's Club in 1946-1947 (one year). From 1947 to 1954 there was no troop.

The present Troop 62 was organized in 1954, with the Bernardston Men's Club as sponsor. Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts were combined in one unit until 1958, when an Explorer Post was formed. Cub Pack 62 was organized in 1956. The Explorer Post started with fourteen members and Charles Herrick was Advisor. Thomas Nettles was Advisor in 1959-1960, and David DeForest took over in 1960. Highlight of the Explorer program was a 1959 hike on the Long Trail in Vermont, from Stratton Pond, between Wardsboro and Manchester, to East Wallingford on Highway 140. Eight boys went on this outing, the leader being Amherst Scouter, Donald Bascom, who already knew the region and the Trail.

The Scout's program has included Winter Camping, Klondike Derbies, Camporees, and attendance at National Jamborees. Each year, beginning with 1957, members of the troops have spent a week at the Hampshire-Franklin Scout Camp in Chesterfield, Massachusetts. The camp directors name the outstanding scout for each week in the large group attending from various towns in the two counties. It is noteworthy that Troop 62 boys have been so chosen in four of the five years they have been present: Norman Deane in 1957, Roy Morgan in 1958, Calvin Clark, Jr. in 1960 and Lloyd Szulborski in 1961. The first Bernardston boy to attain the highest rank in scouting, that of Eagle Scout, was Calvin Clark, Jr. in 1961. Walter Herrick attended the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, in 1957. Donald Slocum, Larry Thurber, Norman Herrick and Philip Franklin attended the Jamboree at Colorado Springs in 1960.

An important part of the Conservation Program was the planting of trees on the town "Charity Farm," on Bald Mountain Road. Under supervision of town officials and troop committeemen, the boys cleared the land and planted pine and spruces. When Fall River was diverted into new channels in certain places,

in the construction of Highway 91, the scouts did some tree planting to prevent erosion. Another activity has been feeding of game birds. Money-raising projects through the years have been paper drives, sale of Christmas candy and First Aid kits, and serving of suppers. Some of the proceeds have been used to send certain boys to Camp Chesterfield, and to the Colorado Jamboree.

A permanent camp (cabin) was built on Snow Hill, Martindale Road, in 1956 and 1957, on land of the Bernardston Auto Exchange. Lumber for this building was donated by Charles Herrick, and aiding in the construction were Lowell Patch and Fred Stange. The latter deserves especial mention here; he has been of very great aid in the program of Troop 62. He was troop committee chairman for three years, and gave valuable counsel and advice to scouts and Scouters. (A "Scouter," by the way, is an adult connected with scouting.) Each year a dinner meeting is held for Investiture, with advancement badges being presented by the representative of the Men's Club.

Scoutmasters: 1936, Louis Pratt; 1937, Harry J. Foley; 1941, Edwin H. Randall; 1943, John Somes; 1944, Samuel Elberfeld; 1945-1946, Lloyd Mason; 1954, Charles S. Blake, Jr.; 1955, Nathaniel F. Ireland; 1956, Lowell Patch; 1957 to the present time, Robert C. Messer.

CUB SCOUTS

PACK 62 of the Cub Scouts was organized in May, 1956, under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher Association of Bernardston Elementary School. The cubs received their charter in December of the same year. During the first year, James O'Leary served as Cubmaster, Duane Bliss was his assistant and Calvin Clark was committee chairman. There were four dens, one in each part of town—north, south, center and east. Each den is under the leadership of a Den Mother and an assistant. The following served as the first Den Mothers: Barbara Bliss, Mary Merz, Patricia O'Leary and Beryl Underwood. Through the years, many others have served as Den Mothers and assistants.

Due to pressure of business, Mr. O'Leary resigned in 1957, and Everett Hurlburt served as Cubmaster until 1960. Membership has increased until, in 1961, there are six dens with Claude Kenney serving as Cubmaster. The Den Mothers now are: Ruby Duchaine, Rachel Messer, Betty Nettles, Shirley Parker, Dorothy Shearer and Phyllis Streeter.

The cubs meet once a week for one hour at the homes of their

Den Mothers. Here they learn the "Cub Promise" and "The Law of the Pack," as well as games and handicraft. They also plan a skit, hobby show or display of their work at the Pack Meeting which is held once a month at the Elementary School. Each month a different theme is presented, such as "Keeping America Beautiful," "Know Your State," "Indians," and "Stars." In connection with the study of the stars, the cubs were taken to the planetarium in Springfield for a lecture. On another trip, they visited the *Greenfield Recorder-Gazette* to see how a newspaper is printed.

At Old Home Day, the cubs sell refreshments to raise money for current expenses and have also conducted an "Old Fashioned Country Store" and a bottle drive.

SENIOR CLUB

IN MAY, 1914, Mrs. Henry Parker entertained a "company of seniors" at her home on what is now Old Brattleboro Road. At that gathering the idea was conceived of forming a permanent club for the elderly citizens of Bernardston and vicinity to be called the Senior Club. This became a reality in July, 1914. The Rev. Mary Whitney, wife of the Rev. Herbert Whitney of the Unitarian Church, felt that there was a lack of social activity for people of advanced age in this locality, and was instrumental, along with Mrs. Parker and William H. Mayo, in starting this club.

The first officers were: Scribe, Mrs. Whitney; Treasurer, Charles Parker; Executive Committee, William H. Mayo, Alfred M. Stratton, Sylvester Slate, with the Scribe and Treasurer. The average attendance of these meetings was forty.

The aims of this club, composed of members of seventy years or over, are clearly set forth in the following preamble to its constitution:

"The objects of this club shall be to increase the happiness and usefulness of its members by friendly consultation; to think often of each other and have aspirations for mutual welfare; to seek these aims by occasional assemblages as occasion may allow; to exchange visits and readings and to remember the birthdays of its members; to impart cheer and solace to age; to increase fortitude and hope in advancing years; to cultivate thankful memories of the past and bright visions of the future; to increase mutual sympathy and interest in each other's welfare; and to help in a higher realization of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man."

In 1921, the children of Reuben Park presented him with a chair and cane in observance of his 101st birthday. Later, the chair was to be presented to the oldest woman in the club and the cane to the oldest man.

The Senior Club is still active with an average attendance of twenty-five, but at present there is no age limit. Meetings are held once a month from May through October; each church in turn acting as host. At each gathering a chairman is appointed for the next meeting when members' birthdays are observed and varied programs are presented, followed by a social hour and refreshments.

BERNARDSTON SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

THE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB was formed February 8, 1959 with ninety-four members. The first officers were: President, Ralph Olsen; Vice-President, Russell Deane; Secretary, Percy Deane; and Treasurer, Robert Messer.

Meetings are usually held the second Tuesday in the month and the entertainment often includes movies on nature and on club activities.

Money making projects include two suppers each year, one in the spring held at the Bernardston Elementary School Cafeteria and the other in the fall at the Pioneer Valley Regional School Cafeteria. Door prizes are given away at the fall meeting and chances are sold on sporting equipment to supplement the treasury.

The club obtains fish from the federal government for stocking town streams and has liberated white hare, pheasant and trout, purchased with treasury funds.

The purpose of the club is to improve hunting and fishing in the area by stocking the ever diminishing supply of fish and game and to improve relations between property owners and sportsmen.

BERNARDSTON TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

THE TOWN MEETING of 1958 was very poorly attended, and little interest was shown in its financial affairs. This situation was deplored by many people, and after discussion among the citizens of the town, a general meeting was called on March 12, 1958, under the leadership of Edwin Dyer and Harry Seager, to see if the townspeople would be interested in forming a Taxpayers Association. Through such an organization, the voters could be

better informed about town government and the town budget, which was then about \$270,000. The response was enthusiastic, and it was agreed to form an association. A committee was chosen under the leadership of Commander Arthur Hodges to prepare plans for organization. On May 16, a second meeting was held at which by-laws were accepted and a board of directors elected, consisting of: President, Commander Hodges; Vice-President, Edwin Dyer; Secretary, Mrs. George Slocum; Treasurer, George H. Davis. One hundred and fifty-nine people joined the association in its first year.

Since its inception, the Taxpayers Association has stimulated much more interest in and knowledge of town government, and has encouraged Bernardston citizens to take a more active part in its fiscal affairs.

THE BERNARDSTON MUTUAL SOCIETY FOR DETECTING THIEVES

THE SOCIETY came into existence at a meeting of a number of citizens of Bernardston, "in the county of Franklin and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held agreeable to previous notice, at H. W. Cushman's Tavern, in said Bernardston, on the ninth day of January, A.D. 1832, for the purpose of associating themselves together for the mutual detection and bringing to justice of thieves and for finding and restoring to the owner all goods which shall be feloniously taken from any member of this Society." Job Goodale was called to the chair and the constitution and by-laws were adopted. Article XIV, an interesting part of the constitution, reads as follows: "This Society will take notice of all kinds of petty thieving and pilfering, such as stealing from Gardens, Orchards and Hen-Roosts, and other articles of small value; also incendiaries; and will take energetic and vigilant measures and make such searches as shall be deemed expedient by the Board of Directors in order to bring such thieves, pilferers or incendiaries to justice." The meeting of January 9, 1832, was the first, although a preliminary meeting was held November 19, 1831. There were twenty charter members; possibly seven more, who had not paid their dollar, as only \$20 was taken into the treasury on that date.

The first officers were: President, Job Goodale; Secretary, Henry W. Cushman; Treasurer, L. C. Newcomb. From 1832 to 1895 no records are available.

Meetings were held annually from 1895, with the exception of

1921 to 1924, when one session was held and meetings were again discontinued until 1933. In November, 1938, the Montague Society invited Bernardston members to meet with them. At a meeting at the home of Harold Denison, Montague was invited to meet at the Northfield Hotel on November 25, 1941. The two organizations enjoyed a meeting and good time on that date.

The last meeting, recorded on January 13, 1942, was held at Eck Inn in North Bernardston and seven new members joined the society. On that evening, a fine supper was enjoyed and a "white elephant" sale with A. G. Gallup, Auctioneer, netted \$14.90 for the treasury. Carolyn Shores measured everyone's waist at one penny an inch, which resulted in \$22.19 for the Red Cross.

For more than a century, this society served its purpose, even far beyond the call of duty and had the distinction of mixing business with pleasure. The annual meeting and banquet became a highlight of local society. Ray E. Franklin is now president of the Bernardston Mutual Society for the Detection of Thieves, and expresses the hope that, one day, the group may function again.

Should the Society reconvene, there is a president, there is money in the treasury, there is a constitution and there are by-laws on record to guide the activities of the group.

THE BERNARDSTON Y.M.C.A. AS DESCRIBED BY ONE OF THE MEMBERS

THE BERNARDSTON Y.M.C.A. was organized in 1910 by the Rev. Eugene M. Frary, Pastor of the Congregational Church. Certainly no one gave more of his talents and time to a more motley crew than we.

Since Bernardston was essentially a farming community, the only recreational outlet for the boys was either playing pool at the local barbershop across the street from the Baptist Church, (and parental consent was not always forthcoming), or watching the trains at the station, which totaled twelve per day. Any "problem" teenagers simply had a hoe, rake, shovel or ax handed them during the appropriate season, and their problems were solved—but quickly.

This is where the Y.M.C.A. entered the picture. Meetings were held each Wednesday night over the Library. Furnishings were a "grand" piano of Civil War vintage, a wrestling mat and a pool table. We rapidly acquired the usual quota of banged heads, pulled muscles, and one broken leg. In those days there were no

heat lamps, no rubbing tables, and no trainers to help alleviate or prevent legion bumps and bruises.

Came the summer of 1912 and all available horse flesh was taken from the farms and their harness-worn frames beautifully decked out in Blue and White, "our colors." We rode as a group in the gala parade commemorating the one hundred-fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town. It was the middle of the week and no doubt the animals as well as their riders enjoyed the day off! The highlight of the activities was a dance featuring the popular numbers of the day, such as "Pink Lady" and "Moonlight Bay" which still evoke nostalgic memories.

In 1914, we organized a baseball team to compete in the Franklin County Y.M.C.A. League. Naturally no team could compete without proper garb, or so we thought, and we decided that uniforms were a "must." The town was canvassed for contributions toward the goal. Shortly afterward, the postmaster confronted the group with a C.O.D. of \$48.50, which in those days was a young fortune. However, after some desperate last minute scrambling, the money was obtained and delivery duly made. We justified the generosity of the donors (Mr. I. B. Snow in particular, who bailed us out at the last minute) by winning the championship. The cup is still in Cushman Library.

It is a far cry from Pasadena in 1960, where this is being written, to Bernardston in 1912. But it is considered a privilege to pay tribute to Mr. Frary for his efforts in our behalf, and for his forbearance with occasional profanity which slipped out during our struggles on the ballfield. His influence has been felt by all of us through the years.

Chapter IX

BERNARDSTON'S PART IN THE WARS

THE WORLD WARS

WORLD WAR I began on July 28, 1914. Great powers of the world believed that the threat of force was the only method through which they might get what they wanted. But, whenever a country yielded to these threats, it was certain to start building its military strength in order that it would not have to yield a second time. No one knew when the fuse of battle might be lit. Everyone feared it and armed to the hilt to avoid it. In fact, it has been said the "Fear of War" became a leading cause of World War I. It took but two pistol shots in Sarajevo, Austria, on June 28, 1914, to plunge humanity into the greatest struggle the world had ever seen and in which almost eight million soldiers lost their lives.

Bernardston's sons, eager as in former times to defend the cause of liberty, and already cited by the town for their devotion and patriotism were:

Barber, Myron E.
Bunevich, John
Clark, Harry R.
Cronyn, Theodore
Cushman, Burt A.
Davis, Leslie E.
Eastman, Howard M.
Flagg, Almon J.
Gauthier, Donald F.
Goodnow, Harold W.
Grant, Elbert P.
Hills, Frank B.
Hodskins, Dr. Edward B.

Joslyn, Myron M.
Marshall, Thomas
Messer, John H.
Messer, Raymond J.
Nelson, Herbert R.
Parker, Ernest B.
Parks, Raymond L.
Pratt, Fred F.
Slate, Everett J., Jr.
Stanclift, C. Webster

Student Army Training Corps
Slate, George L.
Wilder, Franklin

Little more than twenty years after the Treaty of Versailles, the world was again at war. This second conflict which many historians regard as part of the great struggle which began in 1914, was called World War II. The first conflict, while principally a

political war, was a struggle for empire and power. World War II was a struggle to keep alive the spirit of liberty, testing two basic philosophies of life—Democracy and Fascism.

Once again, Bernardston's sons and daughters rallied to the colors and distinguished themselves gallantly on land, sea and in the air as defenders of the American way of life. A roll of those who served follows:

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| Barber, Leland M. | Dyer, Edwin W. F., Jr. |
| Barber, Stephen G. | Eckhoff, Christian |
| Bardsley, Fredrick R. | Evertson, William H. |
| Bardwell, Ernest E. | Field, William E., Jr. |
| Barnard, Charles S. | Fitzherbert, Natalie |
| Barnard, George L. | Foster, Frank R. |
| Barnard, Irma L. | Franklin, Ray J. |
| Barton, Kenneth C. | Griswold, Sidney W. |
| Begg, Robert B. | Griswold, Thomas H. |
| Blanchard, Alfred N. | Grover, Clifford B. |
| Brown, Arthur F. | Hale, Donald B. |
| *Brown, Darwin H. | Hale, Harold A. |
| Butterfield, Lawrence H. | Hastings, Harold |
| Cairns, Hugh E. | Herrick, Charles W. |
| Clark, Leonard H. | Herrick, Roy S. |
| Crosier, Raymond B. | Jillson, Clarence E. |
| Crowell, Jerrold S. | Johnson, Robert A. |
| Crowell, Roy A. | Judd, Theodore W. |
| Cummings, Joseph J., Jr. | Kmiec, Joseph J. |
| Davis, Edward | Knowlton, Edward C. |
| Day, Harlan | Kratz, Robert H. |
| Deane, Clarence M. | LaPlante, Ernest B., Jr. |
| Deane, Percy F. | Lenois, Carl R. |
| *Deane, Perley F. | Lenois, Leon H. |
| Denison, Alan E. | Longway, Charles D. |
| Denison, Elizabeth | Magoon, Delmar P. |
| Denison, Francis E. | Magoon, Frederick D. |
| Denison, Hulbert G. | Martin, Robert |
| Denison, John A. | McGann, Donald S. |
| Deveney, John R. | Messer, Robert C. |
| Donaldson, Paul J. | Messer, William S. |
| Duprey, Norman J. | Michaud, Lewis |

* Killed in Action,

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Milowski, Charles W. | Smith, Elliot H. |
| Milowski, Walter J. | Snow, Arah E. |
| Minott, Foster L. | Snow, Edward B., Jr. |
| Monty, Melvin E. | Sobiech, Anthony P. |
| Nelson, Cola R. | Spencer, Walter B. |
| Nelson, Ronald | Stillwell, Warren L. |
| Newton, Albert T. | Stone, Fred S. |
| Olden, Ralph N. | Streeter, Ernest R. |
| Olsen, Ralph W. | Sullivan, Philip J., Sr. |
| Park, Donald D. | Sullivan, Timothy D., Jr. |
| Park, Stanley L. | Thomas, Frank P. |
| Pappas, Stanford C. | Thurber, Emerson G. |
| Peterson, Carl A. | Truesdell, Bradford F. |
| Petrin, William E. | Tyler, Malcolm C. |
| Pickhardt, Charles F. | Underwood, William D. |
| Pratt, George H. | Varney, Frederick E. |
| Raymond, Elbert C. | Warden, Edward K. |
| Richardson, Franklin O. | Wessman, Robert F. |
| Richardson, Harley A. | Wiemers, Junior S. |
| Schaufus, Robert A. | Wilde, Milton A. |
| Sedgley, James | Wilson, Frederick W. |
| Shedd, Allan | Wood, Ira J. |
| Shores, William H. | Wood, Robert E. |
| Slate, Theodore H. | |

"We who saw Europe liberated know that the Communistic fear that men will cling to freedom is well founded. It is possible that this truth may be the reason for what appears to be an aggressive intent on the part of the Communists to tear down all governmental structures based upon individual freedom. If the men and women of America face this issue as squarely and bravely as their soldiers faced the terrors of battle in World War II, we should have no fear of the outcome."

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Swelling the ranks of War Veterans are the following townspeople, who, by reason of residence outside of Bernardston during the war years, were not listed on either of the preceding rolls:

WORLD WAR I—1917-1918

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| Bickford, Raymond L. | Hodges, Arthur T. |
| Hadley, Collin L. | Payne, Harold J. |

Pearson, Paul
 Perry, James L.
 Perry, Lowell E.

Stange, Fred J.
 Tyler, Arthur L.
 Wiemers, Herman A.

WORLD WAR II-1941-1945

Aldrich, Stanley E.
 Aleksiewicz, Theodore P.
 Allen, Raymond, Jr.
 Amidon, Winthrop L.
 Baker, Bettie Joyce
 Barber, Doris L.
 Barrett, Richard E.
 Blake, Charles S., Jr.
 Bliss, Duane B.
 Brown, Vernon W.
 Burdick, Ralph E.
 Canedy, Edward N.
 Canedy, Florence
 Carpenter, Miner H.
 Cascone, Michele
 Chase, George F.
 Churchill, Neil
 Clark, Harland
 Couture, Alvah
 Cranson, Merle
 Crown, Merrill C.
 Davis, George B.
 Deneault, Eugene L.
 Derrig, Gordon E.
 Duchaine, Allen
 Field, Delvy M.
 Fleming, Howard F.
 Fogg, John F.
 Foss, Wayland A.
 Gaines, Frederick E.

Griswold, Ronald E.
 Harris, Richard D.
 Harwood, Guy D.
 Haskell, Clifford H.
 Haskell, Donald D.
 Hodges, Arthur T.
 Howe, Carl J.
 Hume, William H., Jr.
 Johnson, Frederic E.
 Keenan, Paul J.
 Kenney, George H., Jr.
 Lenois, Donald R.
 McCrea, James C.
 Marble, E. Douglas
 Marble, James H.
 Merz, Karl F.
 Nebelski, John
 Neff, Charles K.
 Nettles, Thomas R.
 Newhall, Donald A.
 O'Leary, James A.
 Parker, Frederick G.
 Purrington, Harry D.
 Racine, Arthur
 Shearer, Stanley E.
 Slocum, George C.
 Vlach, Rudolph
 Watson, John R.
 Whitney, Burton F.
 Wood, George H.

KOREAN WAR-1950-1953

Barber, Louie A.
 Cascone, Michele
 Clark, Raymond E.
 Curtis, Frederick G.

Cutter, Alvin
 Dwight, David A.
 Grover, Rodney
 Howe, Carl J.

Hume, William H., Jr.
LaValley, Albert G.
Messer, David G.
Nerbonne, Richard W.
Oberacker, Donald P.
Phillips, Richard H.
Pratt, Alan A.
Racine, Arthur

Randall, Clarence A.
Tuttle, George E.
Watson, John R.
Whitney, Burton F.
Wiemers, Donald A.
Wood, Harold E.
Wyatt, Dale E.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

THE AMERICAN LEGION was first organized in Bernardston by a group of World War I veterans in 1926. The post was named Bernardston Post No. 233. Fifteen members met in the Town Hall and were granted a charter February 20, 1926. The charter is now hanging in the present Legion Home. Post No. 233 was not too active and was disbanded during the depression.

The present Deane-Brown Post No. 362 was organized in 1946 with fifteen members forming the temporary charter. The first officers were: Commander, Laurie Harris, Jr.; First Vice-Commander, Paul Donaldson; Second Vice-Commander, Theodore Judd; Adjutant, Robert May; Service Officer, Edward Snow, Jr.; Historian, Robert Gaines; Sergeant at arms, Harold Hale; Finance Officer, Clarence Deane; Chaplain, Rev. Francis Schlater. The post got its name from two Bernardston men, Perley F. Deane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Deane, and Darwin H. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nelson, who gave their lives while serving in the Pacific with the United States Marines during World War II.

The permanent charter was granted in June, 1950 with fifty-three members. For ten years the meetings were held in the Town Hall. In 1955, the Legion purchased the Green School from the town for one dollar. Through the combined efforts of its members, the building was remodeled to form the present Legion Home. The post was incorporated in 1956. The Legion members are truly proud of their very active Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary Units.

The activities of the post are varied. Due to the nature of the organization, it naturally is prominent in all functions of the town, such as Memorial Day services. It is concerned with the welfare of all veterans both at home and in the hospitals. Strong support is also given to any town function which the Legion deems beneficial to the people of the community. The post is directly

responsible for the development of the athletic field and the drinking fountain at Cushman Park.

Each year the post has sent a Bernardston boy to Boys' State. This is an annual project of the American Legion Department of Massachusetts, held at the University of Massachusetts and enables a boy to learn the mechanics of democratic government by participation.

For many years the Bernardston Minstrel Shows have been sponsored by the American Legion, primarily the only source of income. The Legion is fortunate in being successful from a financial and a public acceptance standpoint. This is an annual show, always open to the citizens of the town for display of their talents.

Through the combined efforts of the members and other interested citizens, the temporary Honor Roll at the Town Hall was removed to Cushman Park. In 1961, the post was responsible for an article in the Town Warrant to replace the Honor Roll with a permanent monument and to put a plaque, with the names of World War II and the Korean War veterans, in the Town Hall. This was unanimously voted at the annual town meeting. For this, the Deane-Brown Post No. 362 salutes the voters and is proud to be a part of the Town of Bernardston.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Post No. 233 was organized in 1927 with twelve members. The officers were as follows: President, Evelyn Miller; Vice-President, Alice Day; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Turner; Sergeant at Arms, Ruth Wilder; Historian, Marion Flagg. The chief project was the helping of veterans at Leeds Hospital. Food sales were held to raise money, magazines and jellies were collected and Christmas kits made. After a short time this Post became inactive.

The Bernardston American Legion Auxiliary to Deane-Brown Post No. 362 was formed in May, 1949, by the District II Director, Mrs. Gretchen Beaubien, of Turners Falls, Massachusetts.

The following were the first officers: President, Elizabeth Harris; First Vice-President, Ruth Petrin; Second Vice-President, Norma Churchill; Secretary, Beatrice McCrea; Treasurer, Virginia Deane; Sergeant at Arms, Neta Snow; Chaplain, Rena Deane; Historian, Frances Denison.

The purposes of this Auxiliary are mainly for the rehabilitation of the veterans and their families, and for the furthering of the

“aims and purposes of the American Legion,” but many other programs are carried on throughout the year.

The work of the Auxiliary began slowly, but as the membership grew, and the chairmen were appointed for the various committees, it was found that there was plenty to be accomplished in the way of Community Service, Child Welfare, Americanism, and in the programs of Girls' State, Poppy Sales, Membership, Rehabilitation and Christmas Gift Shop. A few members took the Orientation Course at Leeds Veterans' Administration Hospital in Northampton, becoming Volunteer Workers.

The Auxiliary's first participation in the Girls' State Program was the sending of Elaine Pratt, a junior at Powers Institute in 1951, to Bridgewater State Teachers' College where she learned of, and participated in, Town, County and State Government, during a week's stay in June. Since that time, the Auxiliary has sent a girl every year, except one, with the financial help of the Community Club.

On Memorial Day, the Auxiliary is well represented in the parade, and in the past four years, the Junior Auxiliary has marched with the Seniors, to honor those who gave their lives. During this holiday, poppies, made by the veterans at Leeds Hospital and purchased by the Auxiliary, are distributed by both the Seniors and the Juniors. Volunteers from the unit conduct a Poppy Program at Leeds to assist the veterans in making the poppies for which they receive one and one-half cents each, giving them a few dollars per month to purchase the extras they need.

The Child Welfare Program developed a great deal, and the children of veterans and other needy children are given presents at Christmas, and help when necessary.

The donations of the Auxiliary to the many funds, helping the Little League, Girl and Boy Scouts, and assisting other organizations, are projects of the Auxiliary Community Service and Americanism Programs.

In the last eleven years (1949-1960) the membership grew from twelve to twenty-six Senior members and twenty-two Junior members. The group has become interested in many other projects, has helped raise money for the new non-denominational chapel at Leeds Hospital, and has had three members advance to the office of District Director of Franklin-Hampshire County. The Auxiliary has given brush parties, plastic parties, food sales, suppers, card parties and has supported many other projects to raise money for the aid of the veterans.

The Auxiliary shares the American Legion Home with the Legion and has purchased dishes, silverware and draperies. Many people in the community have donated pots and pans, and helped to give the former "Green School" the appearance of an American Legion Home.

The hope for the future is to become a greater organization locally, that more work may be done for "God and Country," and that the American Legion Auxiliary may help in its own small way to preserve the peace of the world.

THE AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR AUXILIARY

THE AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR AUXILIARY is composed of girls eligible through the membership of their brothers and fathers in the American Legion. Junior members do not form a separate organization, but are actually members of the American Legion Auxiliary. They are grouped separately merely because it has been found that their ages demand programs of their own, and in this way, they can best be given early training which will develop them into active and capable adult members. A girl can be enrolled at birth and automatically become a senior member when she reaches eighteen years of age. The prime interest of the juniors is Americanism. Understanding the principles of loyalty, justice, freedom and democracy will better prepare these youth for active and useful citizenship.

The Bernardston American Legion Auxiliary Unit had one or two junior members from 1951 on, but the first active group was formed in September, 1957, under the leadership of Joyce E. Petrin, Junior Chairman of the local unit. Seventeen girls were enrolled at that time, and by 1960, the number had increased to twenty-two. Monthly meetings are held and the girls contribute to the Auxiliary's programs in various ways.

The Rehabilitation program has been carried on through the knitting of squares to be assembled into afghans for hospitalized veterans. The collection of cancelled stamps and coupons from grocery products contributes toward the Auxiliary's Scholarship Program, and the donations of used clothing for the Save-The-Children Federation also aids in Child Welfare. The juniors take part in the American Legion's annual Minstrel Show.

Each spring, a group journeys to the Junior Jamboree, a gathering of Junior American Legion Auxiliary from the entire State of Massachusetts. This day of fun and information is held at Fort

Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts. It provides an unforgettable experience for the girls, and instills in them a sense of pride and accomplishment, knowing that they are doing their part for "God and Country."

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

WORLD WAR I YEARS

THERE was an active branch of the Red Cross in Bernardston during World War I, with meeting place and workroom in the Methodist Church building on Center Street (razed in 1947). One public spirited citizen wired the building for electricity and others brought wood for fuel. There the volunteer workers met to make hospital shirts and bandages, to fold compresses, to sew garments for Belgian and French war orphans, and to prepare soldier's comfort kits.

Many knitted articles were made in the homes: sleeveless khaki sweaters, helmets, mufflers and wristers. A "Knitting Bee" was held and a collection taken for the purchase of yarn. Each Bernardston man going into service received a sweater and the other knitted articles were sent to Camp Devens (now Fort Devens) to the Red Cross headquarters for distribution. Courses were given in First Aid and Home Nursing, the former as a patriotic contribution without fee by Dr. Aaron L. Newton of Northfield.

In addition to the annual Red Cross drive for funds, the local branch held public card parties, one musical entertainment and food sales of war-time bread. The Red Cross also sponsored a fine parade followed by a meeting at which a returned soldier spoke. A pageant, "*The Drawing of the Sword*," was the most ambitious of these activities. Besides presenting it in the Bernardston Town Hall for two nights, the pageant was given at a lawn party in Shelburne and at the auditorium in Northfield.

NORTH BERNARDSTON WILLING WORKERS

WORLD WAR I YEARS

THE part played by the busy farm wife is a well-worn tale, therefore, it is not surprising to find patriotism and enterprise manifest during the war years by the womenfolk who comprised the neighborhood in the north part of town. At the instigation of Mrs. Alonzo Saxton, the housewives met regularly, rotating from home to home, for the purpose of working for the Red Cross. Since

transportation in those days was still by horse and buggy, this scheme was likely the means of more persons working with regularity, in contrast to the necessity of the three or four mile trip to town.

The bounds of the neighborhood were from the Ralph Cushman farm on the south, to the home of Everett Gaines on the north. Families whose children attended the North Bernardston School also came from homes located along Couch Brook and the Keets Brook roads.

An outgrowth of these meetings for serious work eventually developed into a larger group, with the men arriving "after chores" for a meal served co-operatively in the home of the hostess.

Very jolly gatherings were enjoyed; the group often numbering as many as thirty. After a meal, the evenings were spent in group singing with Mrs. Abbott Brown always at the piano. Occasionally, readings were given by the members. Games were popular and for some, the opportunity for a visit, provided time for exchanging notions about household matters, crops or whatever was foremost in interest at the end of the farmer's day. Such a group, without formal organization continued for about five years.

The programs entered into by these North Bernardston people and held in the old schoolhouse, were as varied as a Hallowe'en party and a Christmas celebration. Such experiences as these and other activities that followed were "firsts" for the majority of the children attending. Other neighborhood participation included a sleigh ride with Herman Eldred driving the Cushman horses. There were "sugar on snow" and corn roasts in season. The success of Ervin Whitney as a hunter provided a venison supper at the home of the late George Warner. The silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cushman and the golden wedding observance of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Corbett were community highlights within these years.

While the approach to social welfare was considerably different from what we know today, there was a need which this group of neighbors recognized and in which they took an active part. Under the guidance of the teacher, Marion (Cranston) Eastman (Mrs. Howard), hot lunches were started, aided by the Grange and supported by the North Bernardston neighborhood.

Chapter X

THE RESIDENT PHYSICIANS OF BERNARDSTON

BERNARDSTON CAN WELL BE PROUD of the medical and civic contributions of its resident practicing physicians, beginning immediately with the re-settlement in 1760. The pioneering spirit that they inherited from their Puritan and Revolutionary forebears produced personal industry and community leadership that resulted in general benefits for all.

In the field of surgery prior to the advent of general anesthesia, the accomplishments of Dr. Samuel Prentiss were sought by individuals throughout the counties of western Massachusetts, southern Vermont and southern New Hampshire; after the advent of general anesthesia, the skills of Dr. Willard Pierce finally resulted in the establishment of the first hospital in Franklin County at Greenfield.

In the prevention of accidental sickness the efforts at the national level of Dr. Charles E. Holton, son of the famed Civil War recipient of the Medal of Honor and one of the first physicians in the Food and Drug Administration in Washington, have too long been overlooked. So, too, have the contributions of Dr. Ruggles A. Cushman in the field of psychiatric care.

In the field of education, the staunch leadership as officers of Powers Institute and the Cushman Library, has given prestige for decades at the regional level, and at the state level through Dr. Orswell Wheeler.

Physicians have been also the town's ministers, leaders of Sunday Schools, postmasters, overseers, selectmen, members of the state legislature and general stimulators of worthy accomplishments. Out of such precedents came, for instance, the contributions of the three Prentiss boys.

RESIDENT PRACTICING PHYSICIANS

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| Polycarpus Cushman | 1772-1797 |
| Caleb Chapin | 1785-1817; 1826-1839 |
| Gideon Ryther | 1795-1833 |
| Samuel Flagg | 1798-1804 |

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| Samuel Prentiss | 1808-1812 |
| Elijah W. Carpenter | 1814-1855 |
| John Brooks | 1827-1852 |
| William M. Dwight | 1856-1873 |
| Noyes Barstow | 1860-1865 |
| Leander W. Combs | 1871-1884 |
| Charles Bowker | 1865-1906 |
| Orswell A. Wheeler | 1877-1887 |
| Willard H. Pierce | 1885-1893; |
| | then intermittently to 1938 |
| William J. Bolton | 1892-1899 |
| William G. Curtis | 1897-1898 |
| Charles E. Holton | 1899-1907 |
| Harvey H. Whitney | 1907-1909 |
| Webster K. Clark | 1909-1910 |
| John T. H. Powers | 1910-1911 |
| Warren J. Bostick | 1913-1913 |
| Edward B. Hodskins | 1915-1917 |
| Bertrand A. Chapman | 1921-1922 |
| William J. Madsen | 1923-1928 |
| R. Sheldon Clapp | 1930-1932 |
| F. Wilton Dean | 1934-1935 |

Thirteen of the town's resident practicing physicians already have been eloquently and interestingly presented by Mrs. Lucy Kellogg in her history of the town. The others are of equal interest although, with the increased ease of travel, the period of residence has tended to shorten and finally to cease.

Of the first resident physician, Dr. Ezekiel Foster, we must ask: "Who was he, really?" Although it is a matter of record that he, Major John Burke and Benjamin Green were the sole settlers in district four in 1760, little else is known except that a letter awaited "Doct. Foster of Bernardston" in the Greenfield post-office in 1796. The opportunities for medical practice were surely extremely limited.

Of outstanding qualities as physician and stimulator was Dr. Samuel Prentiss, who lived in town for only four years although he had been long available from Northfield. Of the sixth generation from the Captain Thomas Prentiss, who was one of the quartet of white men first to view this area as the official explorers, he was born in Stonington, Connecticut, in 1759. During the Revolutionary War he served as military waiter to his famed father, Colo-

nel Samuel Prentiss. Later, after completing his education, medical training and a period as military surgeon, he started a practice in Worcester. In this war-bankrupt, sleepy town of two thousand people, he was successful in starting a local medical society and served as its secretary, but in the presence of nine physicians he was much less successful in developing an adequate practice.

Dr. Prentiss moved to Northfield in 1786, at the height of the Shay's Rebellion; his zealous support of the government failed to delay his most successful practice of twenty years' duration. After a year's absence in Vermont, he returned here in 1808, settling in Bernardston. In 1809, he was one of the first to approve the new minister, the Rev. Timothy Rogers. In 1812, he returned to Northfield and a brand-new house, where he died December 3, 1818, at the age of fifty-nine. His leadership qualities are indicated by the records of the four sons, out of his nine children, who survived him: Samuel, twice elected to the Senate in Washington and then a member of the Vermont Supreme Court; John H., twice elected to the House of Representatives in Washington from New York; William, Mayor of Milwaukee and later President of the Legislative Council of the Territory; and a publisher son in Keene, New Hampshire.

An additional note is due Dr. Noyes Barstow, as he was one of the vice-presidents of the Bernardston Town Centennial that was held on August 20, 1862, and was the first librarian of the Cushman Library. He was a native of Leyden. After studies at the Berkshire Medical College in Pittsfield, he was graduated in 1846 from the Woodstock, Vermont Medical College. After practicing in Vernon near his parents, and in Brattleboro, he commenced a practice in Bernardston, in 1860, at his house near the railroad station. He had a great interest in agriculture, and gave very helpful public lectures on practical aids in this field. In 1865, he removed briefly to Chicopee and to Indian Orchard, and then commenced a very worthy practice of twenty years' duration in Springfield. He also served many years as an alderman there, retiring from both professional and civic fields in 1885. He was married in 1846 to Mary Caldwell of Northfield, who died in 1895. When Dr. Barstow died in Springfield in 1903 at the age of eighty-two, only two daughters of their five children survived him.

Of considerable interest is the note in the *Greenfield Gazette & Courier* of August 7, 1871: "Bernardston attractions, nine ministers and one coming, two doctors and one coming, five churches,

choir of one hundred and fifty members, brass band of 26 pieces, one postmaster and one coming, taxes about 20 cents on the dollar, no town debt; only one thing wanting, and that is the name changed and called Paradise."

The "one doctor coming" was Dr. Leander W. Combs, who moved his practice to Bernardston from Leyden where he had succeeded the late Dr. Thomas S. Vining in 1866. In his house, just purchased from H. N. Dewey, across the street from the Cushman Library, he established his practice; a drug-store and a general country-store were added in 1874. He was in considerable demand for his tenor voice in solo and quartet appearances. Following the death of his father in Vernon in 1882, Dr. Combs moved with his wife, the former Emma R. Bellnap of Northfield, to Becket where, after many years of practice, he died March 10, 1922 at the age of eighty years.

An additional note is due, in this Civil War Centennial year, to Dr. Charles Bowker as he was the only resident physician in town to have served during the conflict. Entering service on May 28, 1864, he was an assistant surgeon both in the field with a division and in the hospitals around Washington; his services were terminated because of sickness on April 24, 1865. Two of his daughters, Mrs. Theodore C. Forbes and Mrs. Frank H. Maxwell, still live in Greenfield.

Dr. William J. Bolton, a native of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, attended Mt. Hermon as a student from Northfield and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore in 1892. Substituting at first, he remained in town until 1899 in rather close association with Dr. Willard Pierce, who by then had removed to Greenfield. After four years in Athol and a year in California, he returned to Athol and remained until 1919. He was quite successful as a practitioner, but remained in borderline health. Upon completing his office of Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island in 1919, he moved away. Following nineteen years as a medical representative of a Portland, Maine, drug company, he died in Washington, D. C., on June 18, 1938, and his ashes were buried in Maryland.

Dr. William G. Curtis, who substituted for Dr. Bolton from 1897 to 1898 during a period of the latter's illness, is a most interesting physician who is still in active general practice at the age of ninety-three in Brewster, Massachusetts. Born in Abington, Massachusetts, May 6, 1868, he was biologist for the Boston Water

Works for two years following his graduation from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Following his graduation from the Bellevue Hospital Medical School in New York City, he interned at the City Hospital on Blackwell's Island. There he roomed with his friend and classmate, Dr. Clifford S. Chapin, a Bernardston boy. Through Dr. Chapin he was induced to substitute for Dr. Bolton. While here he was secretary of the medical staff of the Franklin County Public Hospital. It was entirely natural, therefore, when the hospital was dedicating its new addition in October, 1952, to invite him to attend as the guest of honor in view of his being the oldest living member of the previous medical staffs. This he did, with great honor to himself and the hospital. After a year of "four-horse" practice he moved to Greenfield following Dr. Bolton's return, but stayed only a few more months. However, he influenced the late Dr. Benjamin P. Croft, also a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical School (in 1897) to come to this area.

Dr. Charles E. Holton, who practiced in town from 1899 to 1907, succeeded Dr. Bolton. He was born in Lee, Massachusetts, in 1868, educated in the public schools of Burlington, Vermont, and was graduated from the University of Vermont Medical School in 1892. Having the same medical school affiliation as Dr. Cram of Colrain, and with his sister now Mrs. Cram, it was not surprising that his post-graduate training in New York was followed by medical practice in Whitingham, Vermont, and then in this town. In 1907, Dr. Holton became one of the first physicians to enter the Food and Drug Administration in Washington to assist in preventing accidental sickness that was resulting from the patent drugs that were then being sold without restriction. To this end he devoted his life with great success. He died May 22, 1939, in Medford, Massachusetts, after a most honorable career in public service.

Dr. Harvey H. Whitney, a native of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and a graduate of the Baltimore Medical College in 1904, succeeded Dr. Holton. He remained until 1909, when he left for Oregon and later for California, where he died in 1948.

Dr. Whitney was succeeded immediately by Dr. Webster K. Clark, who is much better known as a very successful practitioner in Greenfield and the originator of the Clark Apple Orchards. He remained in town for only one year.

Dr. Clark sold his practice to Dr. John T. H. Powers, who then moved to Worcester County in 1911. Dr. Powers, a native of New

Glasgow, Nova Scotia, was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore in 1910. He returned to Greenfield in 1938 as an Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat specialist and again during World War II. He is now practicing in Leominster, Massachusetts.

The town now entered upon a period where no resident physician owed allegiance primarily to it. Dr. Pierce intermittently lived in town while maintaining his office in Greenfield. In 1913, Dr. Warren J. Bostick, a graduate of the Medical School at Dartmouth in 1911, opened an office in his home near the Bernardston Inn. He had become interested in this area as a result of a one day visit to Mt. Hermon where he had met Dr. Newton of Northfield. However, his practice here was interrupted by an attack of typhoid fever in November of 1913, and following his recovery, he went to Springfield where he was a general practitioner of greater than average ability until his wife's death in 1952, when he closed his office. He now enjoys retirement in Van Nuys, California, but is still as bright as they come.

Dr. Edward B. Hodskins, a graduate of the Baltimore Medical College in 1893, was in practice here from 1915 to 1917, with an office part of the time in Greenfield. He went to Winthrop, Massachusetts in 1919, where he died in 1921 at the age of fifty-five.

Bernardston was the temporary home of Dr. Bertrand Arza Chapman from late in 1921 and remained less than a year. A native of Ludlow, Vermont and a graduate with Calvin Coolidge from the Black River Academy in 1891, he attended Dartmouth and the Baltimore Medical College from which he received his M.D. degree in 1895. After graduation, Dr. Chapman practiced in Springfield, Vermont, as its "No. 5" physician and was the originator of the hospital there in 1913. Dr. Chapman brought his big frame, tremendous energy and ability here in time for the burning of the Brick Store. Boarding with Mrs. Bertha Wilson, he entered promptly into the activities of the town, its clubs and Methodist circles. By springtime, he discovered that his ties to Springfield could not be easily broken, and so returned. There he completed sixty-four years in the practice of medicine, seeing patients on the morning of his final illness in 1959. By this time, he had become not only the last surviving member of the original medical staff at the hospital, but the oldest active practitioner in the state.

Dr. William J. Madsen practiced for a while in this town. After

having served in the Farren Memorial Hospital from October, 1922 to December, 1923, he practiced briefly in Montague and then came here in August, 1925. However, he moved to Millers Falls in 1928 for a brief continuation of his practice. Dr. Madsen died July 17, 1930.

Dr. R. Sheldon Clapp, a graduate of Amherst College and a recipient there of the Edward Hitchcock Fellowship, and a graduate of Tufts Medical College in 1929, maintained an office at the Bernardston Inn Farm from December, 1930 to February 2, 1932. He is now a much respected practitioner in Amherst where he went from Bernardston.

The last of the resident practicing physicians of Bernardston was Dr. F. Wilton Dean, a native son of Greenfield and a graduate of the Harvard Medical School in 1932. He maintained his office in his home on Center Street from January, 1934 until May, 1935, when he moved to Northfield, with the impending departure of Dr. Hubbard. His talents have continued to be utilized by the physically distressed of this community to their great advantage.

To make this history of physicians connected with Bernardston complete, the following names are added:

MEN BORN IN BERNARDSTON WHO BECAME PHYSICIANS

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| Caleb Chapin | August 20, 1759 |
| Gideon Ryther | November 28, 1768 |
| Marshall Chapin | February 27, 1798 |
| Horace Chapin | August 28, 1822 |
| Ruggles A. Cushman | 1856 |
| Clifford S. Chapin | January 25, 1873 |

NON-NATIVE RESIDENTS OF BERNARDSTON WHO BECAME PHYSICIANS

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| Calvin Scott | August 9, 1754 |
| Remembrance Sheldon | 1760 |
| Isaac Cushman | September 12, 1790 |
| Josiah W. Barstow | June 21, 1826 |
| Homer Crowell | January 14, 1852 |
| Lawrence Wheeler | 1870 |
| Edward F. Ashley | 1876 |
| Fayette E. Read | 1879 |
| John G. Adams | April 18, 1902 |

PHYSICIANS, AND FORMER PHYSICIANS, WHO
MAINTAINED HOMES IN BERNARDSTON

Ezekiel Foster

Thomas Snow

Frank A. Townsend

Harvey T. Shores

Benjamin P. Croft

Morton M. Snow

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Chapter XI

OLD HOUSES AND CEMETERIES

BERNARDSTON HOUSES

THE fine old Colonial houses in Bernardston are real historical monuments. An entire volume could be written about the more than two hundred dwellings that are a century or more old. The early Indian Wars, fire, and storm have destroyed nearly a hundred others. About eighty cellar holes exist throughout the town at present. Alterations, in the name of repair or improvement, have changed appearances, but the early history of the town, with its periods of prosperity and depression, can be traced easily. The earliest homes were built with an eye to protection from the Indians and the cold New England climate. The architecture was simple, almost severe. It was a square type of post and beam construction, built without embellishment, of native oak, chestnut and pine. Enormous chimneys provided the settlers with fireplaces for all cooking facilities, heat, and sometimes light. Windows were generally small, not only to keep out cold, but to allow easy covering to keep any glimmer of fireplace light from the keen sight of prowling, hostile Indians. Also, the British tax on glass and metalware kept those luxuries to a minimum. At first, the hardware was whittled out of hickory, and oak pegs were used instead of nails. Later, the wrought iron nails and HL or strap hinges were fashioned on the family anvils. The wide boards indicate there was plenty of lumber available, and, of course, siding, flooring and roofing would be completed faster with wide boards. The native slate was used for roofs, and many homes still retain the original slate, probably quarried in Bernardston or in nearby Guilford. Many of the original families have long lines of descendants among the present local citizens, whose devotion to the town is one reason there are so many well-preserved beautiful old houses today.

About three miles north of the center of the town on the road to Brattleboro, is the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling K. Nelson. The ell, now the kitchen, was the second framed dwelling built in 1739 by Samuel Connable—the first was in Burk Fort. This Connable house is the oldest remaining of those of the first seventeen settlers. The front portion of the present house was

added in 1790 by Mr. Connable to accommodate three generations of his family. The secret tunnel for escape from the Indians is gone, but the old oak timbers, the original slate roof put on by his grandson, Joseph, in 1828, the narrow steep stairway, wide boards, oak pegs, old clapboards, and many other features remain as they were when Massachusetts was a British Colony. Even the kitchen door displays the "witch's cross" which our forefathers thought prevented evil spirits from entering. Twenty-six little Connables were born in this house before ownership changed. Fortunately, the present owners cherish the pioneers' style, and any modernization for comfort has not detracted from the charm of the early architecture.

Near the junction of Routes 5 and 10 stands the Ryther House, home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Donaldson. The house, built in 1745 on a Proprietor's Lot drawn by David Ryther, is one of the finest examples of early American architecture. It is of genuine "criss-cross" construction; the rooms on the lower floor alternate thin walls with those of much greater thickness, and their counterparts on the upper floor reverse the wall construction of the first floor to make for balanced strength that has withstood the power of wind and storm for over two centuries. A significant feature of the old house is the sliding shutters of wood that fit over the inside of the windows in the southeast room, completely obscuring the sight of anyone trying to look inside, and also blanketing any glimmer of light from a nighttime fire on the hearth. Of special interest is the northwest room, where strange murals depict a primitive layout of Boston Common and Boston Harbor, projected upon the fireplace panel about 1810-1815 by an unknown wayfarer called the "Spy." The home furnishings are early American, making history of two hundred years ago really live again.

Captain Moses Scott returned from captivity in Canada to Bernardston in 1747 and built the first home on the Old Northfield Road "east of the iron bridge." His farm included all the meadow land north of the present village to the Old Cemetery, and many acres to the east. The house is a choice sample of the period, with a huge central chimney and five fireplaces, narrow steep stairway divided at the top, and many of the original wide panels of pine mellowed with age. The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Clark, have preserved the unusual stencilling done by a British officer who was in hiding at the house during the War of 1812. Here again is a beautiful home full of pioneer treasures gathered and preserved by the Clarks.

Records of any other houses built at this time or for the next twenty years are non-existent. Doubtless, the difficulties with the Indians forced many settlers to live within the forts; doubtless, some of the homes have burned or have fallen with age and neglect. By the year 1760, the hardy forefathers were again building houses for their families, that stand today as monuments to their courage and fortitude. Many of the dates are unknown, and which house was built prior to another is difficult, if not impossible, to determine accurately.

About 1760, Samuel Hale came to Bernardston and lived a portion of his married life in the present Redding house. This house was built about 1775 as nearly as can be determined, and was moved to its present location across the road in 1939, when the railroad overpass was built at Hale's Crossing. The living room with huge fireplace and brick ovens used to be the kitchen. It has been extensively repaired in late years but retains the charm and simplicity of a much earlier date.

The big house next door, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Morton Whithed, was built about 1800, and into this home, Samuel Hale's son, Captain John Hale, moved with his family. An old building was added to form an ell, and still another was added for a shed, so there are three distinct buildings joined together forming this attractive home. It is known that the front parlor was papered in 1816 with squares of printed designs that were pasted together to form strips. It has been preserved as it was originally. Marshall Whithed, a Hale on his mother's side, married Miss Myrtia Cook, and all four of the couple's sons were born in this big front parlor. At present, the sixth generation is living in this beautiful dwelling.

One of the grandsons of the original Hale spent his married life in the present home of Mr. and Mrs. John Carlin on South Street. Miss Aimee Whithed, sister of Marshall, and a beloved Bernardston teacher, was born in 1866 and lived all her life in this home, and it has been known to the present generation as the Aimee Whithed homestead. This is a square, two-story home, painted white, with one of the most beautiful fanlight doorways in town.

The town tax list for 1790 shows that David Ryther, Jr. was taxed for land, house, barn and stock which he sold to Amos Burrows in 1820. Amos sold the property the following year to his son, Isaac Burrows, who married Rebecca Louisa Connable in that same year. The couple lived on the farm which was later owned by their son, Frank. In 1890, Maveret, the daughter of

Josephine Carrier and Frank Burrows, married Harry A. Perry and moved to Kansas. The house was kept as a summer residence until recently, when Mr. and Mrs. James Perry established it as their permanent residence. This lovely Colonial home has a beautiful setting upon a small knoll with a background of trees, nestling at the foot of Fox Hill. A cedar rail fence covered with ramblers encloses an old-fashioned garden and a patio south of the house. The old lilac bushes, the spreading maples, and the view across the meadows, gives the passerby a feeling that this farm house has been a part of the town for nearly two centuries.

Another Burrows homestead of early history is the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Canedy. Entering Bernardston from the south on Route 5, one of the first houses to be seen is this story and a half, white, rambling dwelling on the corner of West Mountain Road and South Street. Early Bernardston records mention the surveying by Ebenezer Barnard of Lots 45 and 46 in April of 1743, and the drawing by Samuel Bottwood of Lot 46 on which the house was built. At the Franklin County Courthouse, a deed, dated September 18, 1794, records the sale of the house to Zeba Allen by members of the Allen family (Asaph, Joseph, Jonathan, Electra, Simeon, Samuel and Mary Allen Wright, the wife of Thaddeus Wright, the blacksmith.) A later deed records the sale of the property by Amos Carrier to Frank Burrows. The Burrows-Perry family owned this landmark for many years, until it was sold in 1951 to Mr. and Mrs. George Davis from whom the present owners bought it in 1956.

The Slate families have been builders or owners of some of the town's most beautiful Colonial homes. About 1764, Captain Joseph Slate lived in a little log cabin on the property where he built the original Slate homestead on South Street. It was in the rear of this place that Israel was engaged in the business of rope turning from flax grown on the farm. Miss Mary Slate remembers the old man turning the rope as the boys pulled it slowly out of the driveway and across the street. It was made into bed cords, clothes lines, or halters. Seven generations of Slates lived on this farm until it was sold and it is now the property of the Ernest LaPlantes. Next door, the Chamberlin home was built by Henry Slate in 1843. Across the street, Terah Fox built the little Cape Cod house afterward owned by Moses Wait and Mrs. Elvira Burk, now occupied by Miss Mary and Mrs. L. Dwight Slate.

Another branch of the Slate family settled on Huckle Hill and in the Bald Mountain Road area. In 1769, Justin Slate built on

the site of the present Lawrence Gale property on Bald Mountain Road. The old original house, built with some of the Burk Fort timbers, had nearly fallen victim of the elements, when Hendrick Slate mounted it on skids and moved it west to make room for the present home now owned by the Gales.

Huckle Hill is a most scenic area with a gorgeous view across the valleys to Mt. Monadnock and is also interesting historically. The sites of the old Meeting House and Deacon Sheldon Fort are marked and numerous cellar holes indicate that many homes of the early settlers were standing years ago.

The William Field, Sr. home was built about 1812 to replace the ancestral homestead which burned and which stood a few rods to the north.

The building across the road, used as a shop by William Field, Sr., was built by a Slate from timbers of the Sheldon Fort. Three-fourths of a mile north of Mr. Field's shop stands the old District School No. 5 which was permanently closed in 1908.

Coming south down the road is the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Field, Jr. It has recently been rebuilt and remodeled following a fire. The Almon Flagg home is near the second site of the Old Meeting House and the home of one of the ministers, Rev. Job Wright. The Frank Oakes house, farther down the road, is unusual because it had a fireplace in the cellar as well as on the ground floor. Apparently former occupants were not compatible, and found it necessary to have cooking facilities for the wife on one floor, and those for the husband on the other. Huckle Hill must have been a busy section two hundred years ago with a meeting house, fort, school, homes, and even a neighborhood tavern and distillery.

At the extreme west end of the town we find an agricultural area. Today, dairying is carried on "around the mountain" as it was called. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Duprey have a modern dairy equipped with machines and tools that would have astonished the farmers of years ago. Today, it is necessary to pasteurize milk, to artificially dry hay, and to fill the silo with chopped corn or grass with a minimum of hand labor. Several Chapin families lived in this section. Alanson Chapin lived where the Arthur Tylers live now. Another home is the present Dyer farm, where Zalmon and Climena Chapin, great-grandparents of Miss Florence Wright, lived. This house displays the hand hewn beams in the living room, and until recently, a trap door under the couch led to the cellar. From these rolling hills, teeming with agricultural prod-

ucts, one can look across to the Mt. Holyoke Range and think of the lines of "America, the Beautiful."

In contrast, on River Road, we find the homes of people who were employed in the industries of the town. The gristmill, the cutlery, a shoe shop, and probably other places of business, made this section a busy industrial area. The home of Mrs. Edward Snow was the house where Jonathan Cushman lived when he built and operated the cutlery before he left for service in the Civil War. Nathan Wyatt lived across the street, and Will Cook, father of Edric Cook of Leyden, lived at the present Kocian place, and both worked at the cutlery. Near the Greenfield line is the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Judd Payne. This house belonged to the Lunt family of Greenfield, and was the boyhood home of Theodore Cronyn whose family resided there for thirty-eight years.

By the early part of 1800, fear of Indians was over. There was political stability, probably more money and time. The inhabitants built just as they wished and where they chose. By 1834, the population had increased to an all-time high of 945. Many homes built at that time, a century and a half ago, are useful, comfortable and practical. The facts about their owners or builders or the dates are uncertain, but they hold a place in the town's history of homes that should not be omitted.

The home of Mrs. Harold Denison on Church Street was built by Eliezur Chamberlin who came here from Durham, Connecticut, in 1808. It is believed he lived in a log cabin on the grounds of Powers Institute for two years while he was building this house.

The large white house located west of the Goodale Memorial Church is the Messer home. It was built in 1814, and Job Goodale lived there while over-seeing the erection of the church. The Messers have done much to make this place attractive and to have it retain its antiquity including the lovely fanlight doorway.

The Earle Kemp home on Fox Hill was built by Colonel Ferry, a benefactor of the town, in 1813. He lived in what is known as the Bernardston Inn farmhouse, the present Taylor home.

Henry W. Cushman built, in 1850, the "Four Columns," so-called, once used as the Unitarian Church parsonage. The lovely old place has four Doric columns across the front in the style of the Southern homes of the period. It is now used as an antique shop and the home of Richard Zehnter.

Another interesting home is the one owned by George Wood. It was originally built as Goodale Academy in 1833, with money left by Job Goodale. When the Academy was discontinued, Joel

M. Dewey, for whom Dewey Street is named, purchased the property for his home. Edward Felter bought it later, and made it into apartments. At one time the Telephone Exchange was located here, but it is presently used as an apartment house. Another apartment house is Cushman Hall which was built to house the teachers and pupils attending Powers Institute.

The present Streeter home on the corner of Church and River Streets is used as an apartment house now. This has a long history from the time of Lorenzo Park, Zebena Newcomb, and O. W. Gray. In 1921, it was purchased by Harold S. Streeter. It has generally been the home of the proprietors of the corner store. The Cape Cod cottage in back of the Streeter house belongs to the renowned "Rayford the Clown." This home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bickford dates back a century and a half.

One of the interesting features of an old New England village is its "Green." Bernardston's is opposite the Bernardston Auto Exchange on Route 10 leading to Northfield. It seems that Joel Nash married Lydia Newcomb who lived on the "Green." When the present Atherton home was built as a boarding house for students attending Powers Institute, a little more room was needed. Mr. Nash moved his home to the east, and there it stands today, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Bliss. In 1862, the Elmore Streeter house was built entirely of used materials, according to the present owner, "Jamie." The Arthur Nelson house was built a little later by Hartley Hale on the site of a log cabin in which Oliver Cooley ran a store early in 1800. On the corner is the lovely Cape Cod house now owned by the Parsons family. The much beloved Dr. Carpenter bought the property in 1818 from Orra Sheldon, and the house was built about 1829. The little wooden shelves for bottles of medicine and small drawers that held the doctor's pills are built into the "office" wall. Treasured antiques of the Parsons family are preserved here: the plain old mantels formerly in the Captain Jonathan Slate place built in 1769 on Bald Mountain Road; the settees, built of old timbers of the Deacon Ebenezer Sheldon Fort on Huckle Hill; and the Colonial cupboard taken from Burk Fort. So, for more than a hundred years, these homes across the "Green" have turned their friendly white faces toward passers-by.

If one didn't like the area where a house stood, it seemed to be the custom to move it to a more suitable or convenient location. After the famous Potter-Aldrich murder case, the house that was the scene of the fracas was moved by A. M. Stratton to Center

Street from its original setting on Martindale Road. Here Mrs. Lucy M. Chase lived and tutored young ladies. It is the present home of Miss Florence E. Birks, the daughter of the former minister, Rev. Richard E. Birks.

The Oscar Woodard house was moved to Library Street from Huckle Hill where the Remillards live now, and another story added by Frank Oakes' father. The Herman Wiemers' home on Center Street was moved from the present site of the Greenwood place, on the corner of Depot and South Streets. The Wiemers' house is of unusual construction, in that wide planks were placed vertically, with the outside shingles nailed directly to the planks, and on the inside the plaster was applied in the same manner, directly to the planks. The present Greenwood place, dated 1777, was moved from across the street when the late Charles Barber home, now the Morning Star Rest Home, was built in 1883. The Taft place on Center Street was once the Town Hall and stood on the site of the present Town Hall. The old Universalist Church, which stood on the site of Lena Corkins' home, was moved in the early 1900's to Depot Street about opposite the Baptist Church. The Universalist Church building has been used in various ways such as: a barbershop, a poolroom, a general store, and a post office. At present it is used as an apartment house. Miss Ruth Wilder's home on School Street stood where the Post Office is today. Bryant Burrows' house on Cross Street was the old Brooks place and stood on the John Dunnell lot. This old house was made into apartments for the workers at the Nahum Cutler shoe shop and was named the "Beehive" at that time as so many busy people lived there. The Raymond Dunnell house on the corner of Cross and South Streets, built about 1790, was the home of Dr. Brooks who added the half story and tore down the large central chimney. Two other doctors, Dr. Dwight and Dr. Bowker, lived there until, in 1868, Paul J. Allen, the grandfather of Mrs. Elinor Cronyn, bought it and moved it back twenty feet as it was located within ten feet of the street line. The Karl Merz home on South Street was the "little red school house" of that area. It was built about 1784 and moved to the present location from the site of the old South Street School No. 1. In repairing and remodeling, Mr. Merz found the worn floor boards that indicated the position of the "scholars'" desks and the aisles between each row. Both the red shingles and the old floor boards are covered now, but perhaps this history will preserve the interesting item beyond the memories of the present generation. More recently, there have

been eight houses moved to make room for the new Highway 91.

To the east of the village, the Joseph Kmiec house, located on the south side of the road leading to Northfield, was known as the Rufus Guillow residence. This family came from Townshend, Vermont, in 1827. Recently, the house was struck by lightning, and when repairs were being made to the chimney, many negatives were found in the partition. After these were developed, old pictures of Bernardston people and homes were identified. One could say, "No ill-wind but blows some good."

In the eastern part of the town is a section as full of interest as any area. The great gravel and loam deposits of years ago have left this a plain where earliest settlers found good farming possibilities. The Henry Deane home was one of the earliest frame houses built by his grandfather and great-uncle, the Sprague boys. It had a central chimney used for cooking, for the story is told how Grandmother Sprague refused to give up her fireplace for the modern "iron cookstove." Not far to the southeast was the Reuben Park place where, near the present Amidon home, Reuben Park, in 1820, could be seen "hoeing corn backward," because he wished to see what he had done, not what he had to do. The Hale families who settled in this area were descendants of Daniel Hale who lived in the old homestead. This building burned, and on the old site Ralph Deane built the house where he now resides.

In the northern part of the town near the Vermont line was the huge farm owned and operated for years by the Warner family. Fire has destroyed several of the original buildings, but about 1812, great-great-grandfather Pliney Warner built for his grandson, Otis, the quaint "Salt-box" painted red, and standing on the west side of the road to Vermont. This long slanting-roof type of construction received its name from the slanting cover of the old salt-box that was a familiar sight in all kitchens of old. It was practical, for the snows of winter could pile up in the rear of the house and on the roof keeping some of the bitter cold winds from blowing through the handmade clapboards. This home belongs to Mrs. Ruth Warner, the widow of George, who was the last operator of this farm. The Jennison place, the home of the former Postmaster Putnam, and the Lailer place, were once part of the Warner estate. The home of Almon Hale was called by the Warner family the "Squatter Place." It seems that years ago some family came from the South, settled on that place and built there. The newcomers minded their own business, had nothing to do

with the neighbors, and molested no one. Apparently, the Warners allowed them to remain there many years although they knew nothing about them. Thus the name: "Squatter Place."

At the corner across from the Chase House which dates back to stagecoach days, lives Miss Ruth Whitney. She remembers, as a little girl, when the family first moved there, her father had to remove several old wooden benches and a little old organ from an outside building before he could use it as a chicken coop. The main house is apparently two buildings attached, for there is a step down into the kitchen from the main part of the house. Miss Whitney says she believes this is one of the first "split-level" houses in town.

On the Branch Road off Keets Brook Road going up the hill toward the area of the old Melvin Denison farm of years ago, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wiegand. The place is unique in that it is shingled on the sides as well as the roof with old Guilford slate. The present structure, built as a lodge with large windows, commands a most beautiful view of the valley below.

Coming back to the Brook Road, one cannot help but stop to look at the old Park place, where in 1810 stood one of the busiest places in town. The Bagg brothers, Oliver and Ruggles, built a saw and gristmill, and later a carding and fulling mill. To be near their work, they built their home, "the substantial, two-story, double house, with both sides identical, the north and south halves being exact counterparts." The original homestead from which the boys set out was the Walter Humes place, off Couch Brook Road, leading to Leyden. This is the ancestral home of the Bardwell families living in the village.

As mentioned earlier, the Connables had their original families housed in the Connable Fort. One daughter married into the Newcomb family. The Newcombs had their homes along the Couch Brook Road near their mills so situated to make use of the water power. All of these homes have been destroyed by fire, with one exception, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Pease. On the original old road to Leyden, the Pease house still stands after these two and a half centuries, made of hand hewn timbers and beams, and enormously wide boards that are pegged with handmade oak pegs.

The farm and house of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Leonard, formerly owned and operated for many years by three generations of the Cushman family, has a very interesting history. James Couch of Boston married Sarah Connable, the sister of the builder of the

Connable Fort. He came here shortly after his brother-in-law, Samuel, and took part in many of the Indian fights to protect the early Fall Town settlers, and doubtless lived within the Fort with members of his wife's family. The exact date of the erection of the house is uncertain, but it is a safe guess that Mr. Couch, a "joiner" by trade, provided this lovely home for his wife long before he willed it to a niece and her husband, Major Samuel Root. The niece had lived with the Couch family and in later years had cared for Mr. Couch who died in 1815 at the age of ninety-four. In recent years, the Leonards have restored the house to its initial beauty. They found in the attic the original Palladian window frame which had been stored with the usual Yankee thrift, in 1911, when the Cushmans added a porch on the front and south sides. After removing the roof of the porch, the Leonards were able to replace the lovely Ionic pilasters which give to the front of the house the classic formality characteristic of the Georgian influence in Colonial architecture. It is particularly interesting to note that Mrs. Laura Lee Bush Leonard traces her ancestry to Obediah Newcomb, brother of Hezekiah Newcomb, an early proprietor of Fall Town.

About 1775, another Samuel Connable, grandson and namesake of the original settler, built a house a few rods north of the Fort. This is now the home of Commander and Mrs. Arthur T. Hodges. The sturdy construction with the gunstock corner posts is easily seen in spite of the extensive remodeling done by former owners. Among the families of farmers who have lived here, was Deacon Zenas Cutler, whose daughter, Lucy Jane, was the "postmistress" of North Bernardston for a number of years. Mrs. Lucy Cutler Kellogg, the author of the first history of Bernardston, was her niece. In later years, when the farm was run by Azel Utley Chase, Mrs. Chase conducted a private school for young ladies in her home.

Across the street on the east side, is the Old Connable Tavern, now a private residence owned by Paul Shores. Jonathan Connable, with the aid of his brother Ezra, both sons of the Samuel who owned the farm across the way, built the Inn about 1798. Jonathan married Asenath Wright, who, legend has it, lived in a home on the top of the mountain to the east. She walked down the two or more miles each day with her little sisters and brothers to attend the North Bernardston school. The cellar holes are still to be seen on the mountain top. However, Asenath and Jonathan operated the tavern and for years it was the stopping place for travel-

lers by stagecoach. Their daughter, Eunice Emeline, later married Imla K. Brown, and by the time the railroad came through the town, the stage business was gone. The Browns, followed by their son, Abbott, ran and operated a large farm. Imla moved across the road about 1860, to the present Nettles place. Imla's granddaughter, Mrs. Harvey T. Shores, became owner of the farm and property in 1915. Extensive restorations were made and now the tavern stands much as it did a hundred and sixty years ago. The spring board dance hall floor, the fiddlers' stand, the "asking seat" for wall flowers or resting square dancers, and even the small narrow passageway from the barroom to the kitchen are all preserved in excellent condition. The two huge chimneys provide eight fireplaces, the largest in the present living room, complete with ovens and a battery of iron implements and kettles, where the Connable ancestors cooked for their large families and guests. Dr. Shores tore down the old barn where doubtless many horses on the stage were fed and rested, and found, in the slate ledges beneath, many potholes, the work of a glacier many years ago. This has made a perfect place for the present rock garden and pool. The United States Geological Survey in 1934 implanted a brass bench mark in the ledge showing the elevation to be 434 feet above sea level at that spot. Of special beauty are the carefully laid slate walls that surround the gardens in the rear of the tavern. Dr. Shores dragged some of the huge flat slabs from the top of the mountain where the original ancestors had built the foundations for their homes and barns, and their stone fences to keep their stock enclosed.

A few rods south is the home of William Shores, formerly owned by another Samuel Connable, who purchased the property from his father, John, in 1821. In the center of the house was the "measles" room, completely devoid of windows so the victim of that disease would be kept in complete darkness and not ruin his eyes. This, and the old central chimney have been replaced. A more convenient stairway takes the place of a ladder which had led to the loft and was adjacent to the chimney. Under the addition at the rear, William has built the first "fall-out" shelter in town. It is a far cry from the escape tunnel used by his ancestors of years ago, and it is hoped that it will continue to be used as a "root cellar."

The Massachusetts Bay Colony Tercentenary Commission has erected a marker near the site of the once all-important Burk Fort. The George Duprey farm is near the site. A thriving farm operated by Howard Grover, replaces the former buildings of the S. H.

Atherton and Son, soap manufacturers, that were burned years ago. Next door is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius J. Walsh which once was a tavern built with some of the aged timbers from Burk Fort. The sign that once welcomed travellers with the words, "Entertainment for Man and Beast John Burk" has been preserved in the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association of Deerfield. Across Fall River is the W. Roy Newton farm, once the Moses Nelson place, and a little farther north on the Bald Mountain Road is the Galutia Newton farm, now owned and operated as a rest home. It is interesting to note that both Moses Nelson and Galutia Newton married daughters of Deacon David Streeter, who lived on Huckle Hill, so the two sisters were next door neighbors for many years.

Returning to South Street, mention should be made of the Sanderson place, now owned by Mrs. Lavalette Scott, whose late husband was John Sanderson's grandson. The interesting house has a spiral or circular stairway which is termed a "hanging stairway." It was on this farm that John Sanderson, Bernardston benefactor and town financier, raised the celebrated ox, "Constitution." The ox was sold, and the sum of money received was used to buy twelve hundred pounds of meat for the soldiers serving in the Civil War.

On the corner of Depot and South Streets is a former Chapin homestead, now owned by Mrs. Frieda Koonz Nelson. The Koonz family spent much time and thought in restoring the house. Caleb Chapin, who was born in Burk Fort, lived here, and was the man who surveyed the town and drew the map with the divisions and lots of the early proprietors. His map is known as the "Chapin Plan." Caleb Chapin was followed by his son, Samuel, and grandsons, Curtis and S. Wright, as owners. They followed the trade of stone cutters which accounts for the many slabs of slate that have been found in the neighborhood. Dexter Nelson is a descendant of these Chapins.

At one time the home of Ann Senior on South Street belonged to the Root family. The present home of Louis Pratt, formerly owned by Henry Root, was a large farm, operated by the Root family for many years. Although the house has been extensively renovated and modernized, in the front rooms the high ceilings and windows reaching to the floor have been retained. This area has become a residential section now, with many homes occupying the fertile fields.

During the late Victorian period, some of the French influence

crept into the architecture of Bernardston. Just east of the Unitarian Church is the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Obrey. Built in 1860, the long sloping roof, the high ceilings, windows reaching to the floor, hand carved decorations in railings and moldings, would lead one to think that the builder had time and money to spend on these extras. The house called the Parker place on the Old Brattleboro Road, and the guest house built by them in replica, now owned by the Russell Hales, are other examples.

Still later a third story was added to homes, making large and imposing domiciles. The William Prescott home on Center Street is a good example. It was built in 1892 and owned by several doctors, most recently Dr. Morton Snow, the father of Mrs. Prescott. Across the street is the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, the former Henry L. Crowell homestead, and next door, the Clarence Deane home built by Ransom L. Crowell. On Library Street, facing the grounds of Powers Institute, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Magoon built in 1872 by Ralph Park. In 1891, it was purchased by Egbert Cairns, and was the childhood home of Mrs. Harold Streeter, Leland Cairns of Greenfield, and the late Harold Cairns, husband of the Postmaster, Mrs. Hazel Cairns.

In the last few years an entirely new type of home has appeared. Along most of Bald Mountain Road, in "Haskellville," and some of West Mountain Road, one sees the gaily painted modern ranch type. Influence from other parts of the country in style and color has appeared in town. The pretty homes are functional, insulated from the cold and heat, and built with factory produced materials, with no waste space. The huge picture windows allow much light within, and brighten the landscape at night. The friendly door-yards, nicely landscaped, show the children's playground areas with jungle gyms and slides, and the nearby picnic tables and outdoor fireplaces where the families and friends gather for social times. No need to hew the beams by hand; no need to carry water from the well-curb; no need to split wood for the hungry cook-stove. Everything in the house is arranged for a minimum of labor and energy. All the household appliances are controlled by merely the push of a button. All the materials are easily kept clean and free from rust and moths. These will be, in another century, the monuments of the 1960 era.

Perhaps it would be interesting to try to imagine what the picture will be in another hundred years. What will the homes of the year 2060 look like? We can be sure that there will be a Connable descendant of the tenth generation who will be displaying her

antiques proudly to her friends. Will these be the cupboards filled with her great-grandmother's early plastic dishes, or her Revere Ware? Will she be displaying her automatically controlled electric range, her TV, and her washer-dryer of 1960? It is certainly difficult to guess what the homes will be like in the next century.

BERNARDSTON CEMETERIES

THE CENTER CEMETERY

THE Center Cemetery Organization was formed in 1826, although there apparently were burials in this area somewhat earlier. The group of townsmen who started it took the name "Proprietors of the Burying Ground." The first area used was that just south of the present yard of the Unitarian Church, extending to the tomb site, and with the northeast corner excluded. Later additions extended the area to its present south boundary north of the Baptist churchyard (1854), and filled in the northeast corner (1856), completing the rectangle between the churches as at present. In 1864, the large area east and northeast of the Baptist churchyard was added, this tract originally extending east to River Street. The eastern downhill section was sold in 1894.

In 1854, the "Proprietors" voted to incorporate, and chose the name "Bernardston Cemetery Corporation," as it remains today. Another vote at that time is well worth quoting: ". . . to make the cemetery pleasant to the eye and cheering to the heart of all who may visit it." A few years after incorporation, the trustees' report for the year then ending, stated that the last previous trustees "had expended \$85.57 and had accomplished but little that was of any value." Whether politics or personal feelings entered into this observation is a matter of conjecture. At any rate, the new trustees had Lt. Gov. Cushman as president and board member, and affairs then seemed more satisfactory, although occasionally someone had to be cautioned about charges for work done, or alleged to have been done. In those days, people spoke right out in meeting if anyone got out of line.

"Gov." Cushman was a member of the committee chosen to draft "bye-laws" for the corporation, and served as its president from 1855 until his death in 1863. Dr. E. W. Carpenter was one of the applicants for the 1854 reorganization meeting, served on the

bylaws committee, and was clerk and treasurer for a year until his death in 1855.

The remaining years of the nineteenth century were without especially noteworthy events in connection with the cemetery. Considerable filling and leveling was done, many loads of loam and ashes being placed. Viewing the cemetery today, you might well suppose the ground surface was naturally that smooth.

The area purchased in 1864 was large enough to provide for many years, even with the eastern end sold. It was not until near the turn of the century that further expansion was considered. In the late 1890's, two proposals were disapproved for purchase of land east of Fall River. Instead of these departures to new areas, the Park addition was bought in 1905, from Rodney Park, who was then a veteran in the corporation. This is the area next east of the first rectangle. The Atherton tract was added in 1931; this is the part now being filled. Three very small triangles were bought at different times, to enable autos to turn roadway corners.

The appearance of the cemetery has not changed greatly during the present century, aside from the noted increases in area. New shrubs have been planted on various lots, and some old ones have been removed, upon growing too high or too wide. The maple tree in the "Circle" was planted by Frank Deane in 1933, and adds greatly to the appearance of that section. Water was piped from Sanderson's Meadow to the southwest gate in 1926; town water was brought to the same spot in 1937, and two lines and outlets within the cemetery were installed in 1959. The roadway from the Baptist churchyard to the east boundary was graded and surfaced in 1957 and 1958, the roadway down to River Street in 1961.

In the 1940's, the cemetery management began to feel the financial pinch caused by falling interest rates on the one hand, and rising costs of labor and materials on the other. Previously, voluntary payments and the income from various gifts had been sufficient to meet expenses. In 1946, letters were first sent out, explaining this situation and asking for annual payments from lot owners or those responsible. Since 1947, bills have been sent out annually, with additional names added whenever possible. Unfortunately, a large proportion of representatives of the older lots cannot now be billed, as their identities or addresses are not known. Payments for Perpetual Care are invited, and funds from this source increase somewhat each year. Memorial Day services have been held at the Circle for many years.

The corporation has for many years had two particularly de-

voted officers. Ray Atherton was elected to the trustee board first in 1924, and thereafter was trustee or vice-president, or both, every year including 1942. In 1943, he was chosen president, and subsequently held that office continuously until he bowed out in 1960, after thirty-six years of service. Frank Deane was trustee for one year in 1913; then in 1933 he was chosen superintendent, and has held that position continuously ever since. In addition, Mr. Deane has been a trustee every year, beginning in 1942. Both of these men have a lasting interest in the cemetery and its management.

THE OLD CEMETERY

The Old Cemetery was first used in the very early days of the town's settlement. According to Mrs. Kellogg, the date of the first burial is not known, but the second was in 1757, five years before the incorporation of the town. This burying-ground was, and still remains, town property; its maintenance, however, was taken over by the Center Cemetery Organization in 1862, and by renewed vote, in 1911. There is a move now to return the maintenance to the town.

As in other old cemeteries, there are many curious epitaphs, on slate "tombstones" having intricately-carved decorations of angels and weeping willows. There is great interest, and some amusement, here for all who care to visit and examine and ponder.

Here are buried many of the town's forefathers. Here are the names Allen, Chapin, Connable (Cunnable, Connabell), Green, Hastings, Sheldon, among many others. Here are buried the town's early defender, Major Burk, with his wife beside him. The marker for the Major reads "Burke," while his wife's reads "Burk."

The Old Cemetery, formerly reached from Bald Mountain Road, now has that approach cut off by Highway 91. The present approach is by a new roadway running south from Burke Flat Road.

THE HESSIAN CEMETERY

On the east side of the Eden Trail, opposite the present Hutchinson house, there is a small family burying ground. Here are headstones for John Euda ("Eudy" on the markers), his son David, his wife Mary, and two daughters of his relative and friend, John Millis. These two, Euda and Millis, were formerly Hessian mercenaries in Burgoyne's army, who settled in this southeast part of Leyden, in the area later ceded to Bernardston.

Chapter XII

ANNIVERSARIES

SESQUICENTENNIAL 1912

IN 1912, Bernardston was one hundred and fifty years old. It was still a small town with seven hundred and fifty inhabitants, most of them descendants of the original settlers. Farming and lumbering were the chief occupations of the citizens. Hulbert's Cutlery, the only industry, employed twenty-five men. Electricity had been installed in town the previous year. There were one hundred and thirty pupils in the schools, including Powers Institute which had been the public high school since 1900.

Since 1912 marked a significant milestone in the history of Bernardston, its citizens decided to mark the occasion with a special celebration. A committee was formed to plan appropriate ceremonies with Edwin B. Hale, chairman, and Dr. Willard Pierce, secretary-treasurer. A parade committee was headed by Ralph Cushman, a literary committee by Mrs. Lucy Cutler Kellogg, a music committee by Nahum Cutler, an entertainment committee by Hendrick Slate and a fireworks committee by Richard B. Price.

The celebration began with a church service on Sunday, August 4, in the Unitarian Church, the original church of the town. This service was conducted by Rev. Eugene M. Frary and Rev. Henry Douglas. A vesper service was held in the evening at the same church, with Rev. Mr. Douglas and Rev. Richard E. Birks, former pastor of the Unitarian Church, as speakers.

Another feature of the festivities was a campfire on Fox Hill (where the town reservoir now is) on the evening of August 6, sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. The Mount Hermon Quartet sang, a cornetist from Camp Northfield played and there were speeches by H. H. Hackley and Isaac B. Snow. Irwin B. Hale sold ice cream at this event.

However, the big day of the celebration was August 7th. This was the day of the parade and the program of music and speakers on the Institute grounds. The day started with the parade at 9:30 in the morning led by Selectman Ralph H. Cushman, on horseback, as marshal. The Greenfield Military Band of twenty-three

men followed. Then came the Y.M.C.A. boys on horseback and floats of every description. The floats were placed in the parade by individuals, the schools and clubs, the churches and various church organizations, the Fire Department, the Greenfield Electric Light and Power Company, the Highway Department and the Grange. There were carriages containing the oldsters of the town, and seven carriages of Civil War veterans, Bernardston having had ninety-two men in the war. There were lumber wagons and a wagon full of milk cans, several pony carts and the Grange goat. The town officials as well as several families of town rode in carriages. There was a special auto section containing about a dozen gaily decorated cars.

The parade formed on River Street and proceeded west on Church Street to South Street, then via Railroad Street and Depot Street, up Center Street to its junction with Brattleboro Road, then south again, and up to Cushman Park and Powers Institute grounds.

The ceremonies began at 11:00 a.m. on the Institute grounds with about thirty-five hundred people attending. There was music by the Greenfield Military Band and a welcoming address by Edwin B. Hale, followed by the singing of a hymn which had been composed for the Centennial ceremonies in 1862. The principal address was given by Rev. Dr. Gaius Glenn Atkins of Providence, Rhode Island, who had in former years been in charge of the Second Congregational Church in Greenfield. The theme of his address was "The New England Town as a Civil and Social Factor in the World's Life".

After Rev. Mr. Atkins' speech came a break for lunch, with coffee provided to all those who had brought their own cups. The band was treated to a dinner at the New England House by a former resident of Bernardston, Nahum Cutler of Greenfield.

The afternoon program began with an hour concert by the band. There followed brief talks by several distinguished persons, residents and former residents of the town. Toward the end of Mrs. Lucy Cutler Kellogg's reminiscences of the town, a light shower came up and everyone who could, hurried into the Institute where the program was continued. One of the high points of the afternoon was the presentation to the town by Isaac B. Snow, of a portrait of Sir Francis Bernard, Royal Governor of Massachusetts from 1760-1769 for whom the town was named. The original of this portrait hangs in Christ's Church in Oxford, England.

After the program, all the public buildings were opened to the guests of the town, for their inspection.

That evening there was a display of fireworks on the Burrows lot where the Theodore Cronyn house now stands. Unfortunately a spark accidentally ignited most of the fireworks at once, causing explosions, and touching off many of the set pieces. Roman candles and rockets went off in all directions, one of them piercing the back of the house where Herman Wiemers now lives. Two men had the presence of mind to turn the box of fireworks, so that the rockets and candles would not shoot toward the crowd. These men were slightly burned, but their action prevented probable serious injury to many people. Some of the set pieces were saved, however, and were enjoyed by the spectators standing along the roads. Later in the evening a dance was held which concluded the festivities.

Thus the commemoration of a significant occasion was observed by the citizens of Bernardston, who loved the town, and by former residents, who held fond memories of it.

MASSACHUSETTS TRICENTENARY 1930

THE BEATING of a drum by George Parmenter summoned the men, women and children, many clad in old-fashioned costumes, to a union church service at the old First Church of Bernardston reenacting as nearly as possible the type of service held nearly two hundred years ago, complete with guard, tithingman, constables, deacons and chorister. Special credit was given to Rev. and Mrs. Joseph C. Allen for their efforts in making this church service a great success.

Following this service, another was held on the summit of Huckle Hill at the site of the first church built in Bernardston, then called Fall Town. A marker had previously been placed there by the Laymen's League of the Unitarian Church. This celebration, commemorating the three hundredth anniversary of the settling of Massachusetts Bay Colony, was held on August 24, 1930, and appropriate hymns were sung by the combined choirs of the Unitarian and Goodale United churches. A short history of the church was read by George Warner and a prayer was offered by Rev. Joseph C. Allen.

Another outstanding event celebrating the tricentenary was that of placing aluminum markers on, or near, the original fort

sites, commemorating the building of the four houses, or forts, in what was then Fall Town. Through the efforts of the Community Club, the State Department of Public Works procured, erected, and will permanently maintain these monuments to our brave ancestors. The markers, in the order of their construction, read as follows:

BURKE FORT

Six rods easterly stood Burke Fort, the first and largest, and also the first building in Fall Town. Built in 1738-39 by John Burke it was six rods square and contained eight houses. Fifty persons took shelter here during the old French and Indian War.

(Route 5—Brattleboro Road)

CONNABLE FORT

Site of the second fort and building in Fall Town, erected in 1739 by Samuel Connable. Its original timbers are still in the house on a knoll to the northwest.

(Route 5—Brattleboro Road)

DEACON EBENEZER SHELDON'S FORT

The Lieutenant's son Ebenezer, later deacon of the church and first town treasurer, built a fort ten rods east of here in 1740-41. It was unsuccessfully attacked by Indians in 1746 during King George's War.

(Huckle Hill Road)

LIEUTENANT EBENEZER SHELDON'S FORT

Built in 1740 on this site. The first Proprietor's Meeting in Fall Town was held here in 1741. The Lieutenant's son Eliakim was shot by Indians in 1747 while working west of the fort walls.

(Route 10—Northfield Road)

Also, in connection with the Tercentenary celebration in this state, Mr. Herman Bryant, Principal of Powers Institute, was asked to have the schools give proper exercises commemorating the early history of the town. As a result, an historic pageant was presented in the Town Hall on December 5, at 8:00 p.m. Rev. Joseph C. Allen wrote the original script depicting early history and events in Bernardston and it was presented in very dramatic form. High School students, and some underclassmen, portrayed

the outstanding early settlers of this town in an educational and entertaining manner. Miss Dorothea Foster presented piano solos and accompanied the double quartet, in costume, singing old-time songs. The program was concluded by the group singing the traditional Powers Institute Song.

The evening's celebration was highlighted by an inspirational and enlightening address given by historian Mrs. Lucy Cutler Kellogg. In closing, she said, "Remember that no act, however small, is entirely without results."

Chapter XIII

HISTORICAL ANECDOTES

HAVE CATTLE, WILL TRAVEL

THE story is told of "H. A." Perry, that when he was a farm hand in Kansas and somewhat "pinched" in finances, he adopted a shrewd method of returning to Bernardston to visit his sweetheart, Maveret Burrows. When cattle were sold and shipped East by his boss, "H. A." seized the opportunity (which his job of accompanying the cattle gave him) to ride along and at the same time made a stop at Bernardston.

EARLY COMMUNICATION

In the days of the first homemade telephone between the homes of Arthur Nelson and Erwin Streeter, Arthur tested the efficiency of the apparatus in this way: About midnight Erwin was awakened from sound sleep by strange noises. Hurrying to the new telephone, he heard Arthur's voice say, "I thought it was about time you turned over."

The following anecdotes are taken from the *Gazette and Courier*.

The annual sleighride of the students of Powers Institute was taken January 18, 1901, South Deerfield being the destination. There was a barge, two-seated sleighs and yet there was not sufficient room. Many were forced to betake themselves to single teams. Merry voices strove to drown the tinkle, tinkle of the bells; the fine sleighing and excellent supper were equal sources of enjoyment.

February 1901—Telephone lines are being established on South Street, connection with several residences being already assured.

March 1901—The books at the Cushman Library were called in today for the semi-annual inspection. The library will be closed for a week.

April 1901—Considerable apprehension is felt by residents near the town hall concerning the vocal powers of the new town clock,

for which the selectmen were authorized at the last town meeting to construct an aerial home of perhaps equal value.

1903—For several years during the early 1900's there was talk of the trolley running from Greenfield to Northfield through Bernardston. Mrs. Josie F. Merrifield wrote both words and music for the following jingle. "Oh wouldn't it be jolly, If we had the trolley, And could go to Greenfield for a five cent fare. We'd spend our every nickel, They'd from our pockets trickle, If we could go to Greenfield for a five cent fare."

When Bernardston was considering a change of name in 1905, one man said, "All Goose Lane is opposed to it," using the queer old name for the village street, "but up Huckle Hill way they say everybody favors it."

The Bernardston people are proud of their roads as they have a natural gravel that packs down into a solid road bed. Mud dries quickly, too. A Hinsdale man wrote to Bernardston, asking information as to roads as he was much impressed with them. The reply was sent, that the Lord made the Bernardston roads for the most part and people had little to do with them.

July 1907—"A large auto, 'Reliance' by name, is making daily trips from Greenfield through this village to Northfield for the accommodation of passengers." The "Reliance" could not always be relied upon to make the steep hill west of the Connecticut River bridge, and the passengers sometimes got out and walked to lighten the load.

November 1907—C. S. Barber of Bernardston, after reading the constantly growing list of ancient specimens of preserved fruit, is satisfied that he has the record breaker of the entire bunch. He has a can of high bush blackberries put up in an old-fashioned jar, sealed with beeswax and resin, put up by his mother in 1858. This can was put up in Mendon and later was moved to Tyngsboro, 50 miles away, and while in Tyngsboro was moved about to four different houses. It then was brought to Bernardston, and has been kept in four different houses in Bernardston.

If not the oldest in the county, it has probably seen the most travelling. It was put up after the old-fashioned manner with a glass stopper, which, while probably not as tight in the average can as the modern method, sometimes gets wedged in with a close-

ness that the modern method scarcely equals. The fruit appears to be in perfect condition.

(This jar of blackberries was in the possession of C. S. Barber's daughter, Mrs. Theodore Cronyn, in 1961. It was moved from South Street to Center Street in 1951. Someday the Cronyns are going to open it.)

August 1908—George W. Grant and family went to Northfield last Sunday and upon going for their horse to return home, found that someone else had mistaken it for his and driven it away. It was recovered the next day.

November 1908—The selectmen have been setting bound stones to mark the jog in the town line between Greenfield and Bernardston, which was set off to Bernardston by an act of the Legislature in 1838. This was done to place the Hulbert mill in Bernardston. The state authorities have recently required the line to be better marked, and under the law the selectmen have to set stones a foot square and eight feet long. A woman, through whose yard the town line runs, has objected to placing one of these big stones in her yard, but the selectmen do not see how she can stop it. Two of the bounds are located in the middle of Fall River, and the stones have to be set on the bank.

1910—Dr. Pierce and Dr. Clark have each an automobile with which to visit patients.

MIDNIGHT INTRUDER STARTLES BERNARDSTON WOMAN

July 1915—Mrs. J. M. Stoddard, who lives on Depot Street, Bernardston, got up just at 12 o'clock Sunday night to see what time it was and was very much startled as her chamber door was open to see something or somebody on the stairs. On closer examination she found it was a man who was in a reclining position. She went to her bedroom and lighted a lamp. The man came right in and gave her one good choke and went out. He was well protected with clothing and only a small part of one cheek was visible. Mrs. Stoddard went to Mr. Foley's for help, and the house was thoroughly searched by Officer Chapin and Mr. Foley, but the man was not to be found and nothing was taken. Doors and windows were all thoroughly fastened before dark and during the day, but the shed door was found open. The intruder did not speak at all.

It was a very trying time for Mrs. Stoddard, who is in very poor health.

A VALUABLE HEN

August 1915—Mrs. Joseph Cummings of Bernardston recently obtained an egg laid by one of her Rhode Island Red hens, which has a plainly marked C at one end. This being Mrs. Cummings' initial, it will be seen that this hen was very thoughtful.

ANOTHER PROTEST

To the Editor of the *Gazette and Courier*:—(January 1916)

Please allow me to add my protest to that of "H" in last week's Gazette. We have had good R.F.D. service for more than 20 years, but by this new arrangement East Bernardston has been added to the Turners Falls R.F.D. carrier's route. He goes through Gill and East Bernardston to the Bernardston office, takes our mail, goes back to the Falls by another route, keeps the mail over night and delivers it to us the next day. Seventeen families are cut off in this way. A few of them nearest the village, by giving up R.F.D. and going from half to three-quarters of a mile to the office get their mail the same day, but the rest of us have to be content with mail 24 hours' old besides adding to the carrier's route so that it is practically impossible for him to cover it when it is bad travelling, all to save a few dollars and make it appear that the department is using economy. It may be right and just, but it "don't" look that way from EAST BERNARDSTON.

April 1916—FOR SALE

Small runabout automobile at your own price if sold before Monday noon.

Elmhurst Farm (I. B. Snow)
Bernardston Road, Greenfield

LANDLORD MOAT PAYS ELECTION BET

November 1916—More than 200 gathered to witness the exploit of Landlord Moat of the Bernardston Inn, when he pushed a wheelbarrow around town Tuesday, carrying Fred Hale as passenger. The wheel was decorated with the national colors and Mr. Hale was resplendent in a silk hat. The procession was headed by George Parmenter, with his drum. He covered about two miles, but came in on the home stretch fresh and smiling.

HAS THE FINAL LAUGH

September 1916—Several years ago Frank A. Cory set out a large number of peach trees on a practically worthless hillside and some of his friends predicted that he would never realize much good from them. This year they are four years old and are loaded with as handsome fruit as one seldom sees. He has already harvested 324 baskets of Carmens from 53 trees, and has a large number of Champions and Albertas yet to pick. This is a case of "He that laughs last laughs best."

HAS 350 PEACH TREES

September 1917—Frank Cory is beginning to harvest his peaches and plums. In the years since he has occupied the place he now owns, he has transformed it from a rather run-down place to a fine fruit farm. His berries in the season and his plums and peaches are the finest grown and nothing is sold that does not come up to the standard. He has six varieties of peaches, 350 trees in all, and they yield him about 800 baskets a season. He has one peculiarity which suits some people very well and others not at all. He absolutely refuses to sell on Sunday, and when he says "No" he has a trick of sticking to it.

THE POTTER-ALDRICH CASE

A FAMOUS murder trial in 1856 resulted from a killing in Bernardston in that year. Lyman W. and James P. Aldrich were charged respectively with murder, and with aiding and abetting the crime. The victim was Andrew Jackson ("Jack") Potter, brother of John Potter, tenant in a house owned by L. W. Aldrich. The trial was of particular interest because the principal defense attorney was Rufus Choate, a famous lawyer of the period. John Potter had not paid his rent for a long time and had been "warned out," without success. In his absence, the Aldrich brothers took possession, placed his furniture outdoors, and refused his wife admission. When Potter came home he was also denied entrance. He went away and returned with his brother, Andrew Jackson Potter; together they undertook a forcible entrance with axe and clubs. Lyman Aldrich, who was inside with his brother James, shot at the attacking party with a gun, killing Jack Potter instantly.

The lawyer Choate made a brilliant argument that the homicide was justifiable, holding that the Aldriches had the right to

take Potter's life in self-defense. The jury rendered a "not guilty" verdict.

This murder was committed in the front hall of the house now owned by Miss Florence E. Birks on Center Street. At the time of the crime, however, it stood on Martindale Road; it was later bought by A. M. Stratton and moved to its present location. There is still on Martindale Road a gate called the "Jack Potter Gate," at the point where the roads branch to the north and to the east.

Chapter XIV

BERNARDSTON 1961—MAP AND PROPERTY OWNERS

KEY TO MAP SHOWING OWNERS OR TENANTS OF PROPERTY IN 1962

BALD MOUNTAIN ROAD

North from Northfield Road

East Side

Harry Dean
Earl Fairman, owner
Lea & Deane, Builders,
owner
Hal Atherton
Luman Barber, owner
John Fogg
Lloyd Norrish
Winifred Townsend,
off road

Albert Newton
Erwin Streeter
Delvy Field
Richard Tubbs
Guy Rayner
James Carson
Hulbert Denison
Francis Atherton
Neil Churchill
Arthur Adams

James DeCarteret
Edward Snow
Carl Hart
Maud Jillson
George Slocum, owner
David Messer—Inglewood
Cabins, 4 buildings
David Martin
Flora White
Henry Newton
Artel Bourbeau

West Side

Roy Herrick
Cola Nelson
Wendell Streeter
Walter Nelson
Floyd Jackson
Harold Coates
Alan Pratt
Ralph Packard, owner

Frank Foster
Percy Deane
David Dwight
Harry Seager
Lawrence Gale
Earl Tucker, owner
Albert Olkowski
Stanley Shearer
Edward Davis

Gerald Grover
Clifford Grover
Russell Deane
Gaylord Gray
W. Roy Newton
Harry Purrington
Harry Purrington, owner
Harry Purrington, owner

BRATTLEBORO ROAD

North from Bernardston Inn

East Side

Bernardston Inn
Ryther House Barn
Clarence Jillson
Claude Kenney

George Duprey
Charles Page
Edward Bunevick
Earl Fairman

Hollywood Inn
Clarence Forbes
Carl Howe
Clyde Leonard

William Shores
Paul Shores
Dana Barber

Ruth Whitney
James O'Leary, owner
Norman Drew

Almon Hale
Edith Fuller

West Side

Warren Taylor
Collin Hadley
Kenneth Howard
Bertha Dunham
Paul Keenan
James Perry
Perry Farm Barn
Walter Grover, Sr.
Rodney Grover
Winifred Johnson
Walter Chadwick, owner
Eugene Deneault
Howard Grover
Cornelius Walsh
Darwin Scott

John Senior
Edith Newton
Lucius Stark
Charles Curtis
Irving Haskell
Donald Haskell
Haskell's Sawmill, 4 build-
ings
Sunset Motor Court, 3
buildings
Kenneth Drew
Sterling Nelson
Helen Ryan
Gustave Sell
Arthur Hodges

Thomas Nettles
Lowell Perry
Eli Seney
Richard Kimmens
Franklin Richardson
Rodney Patten
Chase House Inn, Inc.
Merrill Crown
Richard Herzig
Philip Bourne
Wayland Foss
Ruth Warner
Julia Lailer
Lyman Jennison

BURROWS TURNPIKE

Northeast from Brattleboro Road

East Side

Ernest Wood
Dora Burrows

Russell Hale

James Perry, owner

West Side

Richard Barrett

Fred Donaldson

CEMETERY STREET OR DEPOT STREET

South from Church Street

East Side

Center Cemetery
Baptist Church

Baptist Parsonage
James Ryan

Grace Purrington
Ralph Bogue

West Side

Congregational Parsonage
Alfred Deane

Holman Whitaker
Guy Bardwell

John Watson

CENTER STREET

North from Church Street

East Side

Stratton House, town
property
Harry Taft

Lynn Wyatt
William Prescott

Herman Wiemers
Theodore Cronyn

West Side

Florence Birks
Florence French

John Morgan
Clarence Deane

Frank Deane

CHAPIN ROAD

East from Bald Mountain Road

North Side

Lawrence Quinlan, off
road

Lawrence Gerrish

South Side

Alphonso Marshall

Harry Marshall, off road

William Underwood

CHURCH STREET

East from South Street

North Side

Bernardston Inn
Daniel VanValkenburgh
Powers Institute
Cushman Library
Caroline Denison
Town Hall

Albert Berg
Harris' Store
Deane's Cities Service
William Messer
Burton Whitney, off street
Goodale Memorial United
Church

Robert Parsons
Elmore Streeter, owner
Elmore Streeter
Blanch Atherton
Duane Bliss

South Side

Cushman Hall Apart-
ments
Telephone Building
Hazel Cairns—Post Office

Lena Corkins
Meldon Rice Apartments
Unitarian Church
William Obrey

Ethel Streeter
Bernardston Auto Ex-
change

COUCH BROOK ROAD OR HAIGIS ROAD

West from Brattleboro Road

North Side

Crawford Pease

Metelica Brothers

South SideMiriam Minden, Bettie
Baker

Hildege Beaudoin

Henry Dole

COUCH BROOK ROAD BRANCH

North from Couch Brook Road

West Side

Walter Humes

CROSS STREET

East from South Street

North Side

Bryant Burrows

Charles Grant, owner

Walter Read

South SideStefania Gruszkowski
Herbert Nelson, off streetEverett Freyenhagen
Kent DerryOra Martin
Fred Miller**DEPOT ROAD**

West from River Street

North SideRussell Holmes, owner
Russell Holmes

Ning Der

Lester Gagnon

DEWEY STREET

South from Church Street

East Side

Rice Apartments

Bertha Wilson

West Side

Lena Corkins

Luther Gibson

Florence Wright

DR. WHITE ROAD

South from Route 10

East Side

Mt. Hermon Faculty House

FOX HILL ROAD

North and west from Brattleboro Road

North SideGeorge Wilcox
Calvin Clark

Evelyn Czerwonka

Edgar Finch

West SideClarence Gray
Earle Kemp
Ralph PerryMarjorie Warfield
Alfred BlackPerry Barn
William Joslyn**GILL ROAD**

Southeast from Northfield Road

North SideBenton Hale
Frank FelchRalph Deane
Joseph NebelskiElbert Raymond, owner
Winthrop Amidon**South Side**

Hazel Hale

HARWOOD DRIVE

North from Northfield Road

East Side

George Chase

Vernon Brown

George B. Davis

West Side

Reginald Dalrymple

Ronald Campbell

Joseph Hickey

HOE SHOP ROAD

East from River Street

North SideEsther Sullivan
James Sedgley

Ralph Marcotte

Leon Wood

South Side

Timothy Sullivan
Timothy Sullivan—Hoe
Shop

Lowell Patch
Robert Mumblo

Harold Wood

HUCKLE HILL ROAD

Northeast from Bald Mountain Road

North Side

Frank Oakes
Joseph Cummings
Cyrus Hale

William Field, Sr.
Pauline Howard

William LaValley
William LaValley, owner

South Side

Streeter's Sugarhouse
Ernest Streeter
Almon Flagg, 2 buildings,
off road

William Field, Jr., off
road
William LaValley, owner
Old District No. 5 School-
house

Minor Carpenter, off road
Kenneth Remillard, off
road

KEETS BROOK ROAD

West from Brattleboro Road

South Side

John Manning

Claus Cederlund

KEETS BROOK ROAD BRANCH

North from Keets Brook Road

East Side

William Wiegand, 2 build-
ings

LIBRARY STREET

North from Church Street

East Side

Oscar Woodard

Unitarian Parsonage

Delmar Magoon

West Side

Holman Whitaker, owner

MARTINDALE ROAD

North from Northfield Road

East Side

Leon Lenois

Alfred Lenois

West Side

Allan Shedd

MERRIFIELD ROAD

North from Hoe Shop Road

East Side

Paul Pearson, 2 Buildings

MERRIFIELD ROAD

North from Northfield Road

East Side

Stanley Aldrich

West SideRaymond Allen
Donald Newhall

Edith Plympton

Beatrice McDonough

NORTHFIELD ROAD

East from Fall River

North SideGraydon Waycott
Albert Deane
Ida Hale
Herman Streeter
James Symington
Viola Rubeor
Frederic Johnson
Raymond Crosier
Stanley StachelekElmer Carey
Charles Stanclift
Elliott Hale
Clayton Fitzherbert
Alvin Cutter
Alvin Cutter, owner
Harold Pratt
Rudolph VlachAlbert LaValley
Raymond Clark
Sylvia Clark
Clarence Corbin
Virginia Wilder
Charles Raymond
Everett Hurlburt
Schoolhouse**South Side**Elmore Streeter—Barber
Shop
State GarageLucie Herrick, off road
John Butler
Leo DerryArthur Nelson
Leon Nelson
Edwin Damon

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| Joseph Kmiec | Ralph Burdick | Western Mass. Electric— |
| Henrietta Clark | Eric Temple | Transfer Station |
| Eugene Hastings | Charles Kimplin | Lloyd Szulborski |
| Telesfor Milowski | Donald Vigneau | Harry Drew |

PARMENTER ROAD

East from Bald Mountain Road

North Side

| | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Charles Herrick | Harland Clark | Robert Messer |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|

South Side

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Roger Bardwell | Arthur Brown | Carl Whitaker, Jr. |
| Milton Deane | Robert Greene | Carl Whitaker, Sr. |
| Nathaniel Ireland, owner | Francis Denison | |

PURPLE MEADOW ROAD

North from Northfield Road

East Side

Clearwater Camping Center

RAILROAD STREET

North from Cross Street

East Side

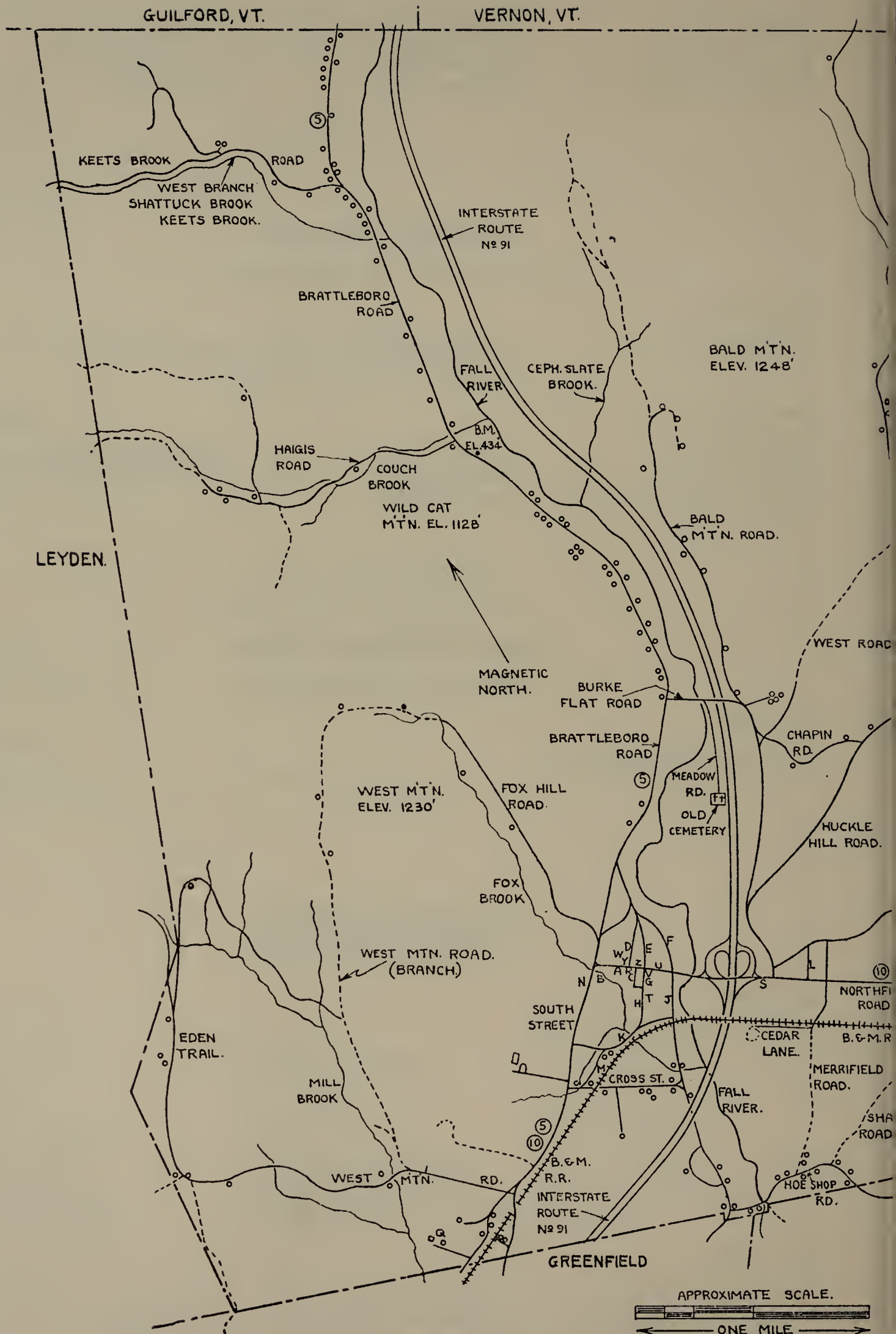
Charles Grant, 2 buildings

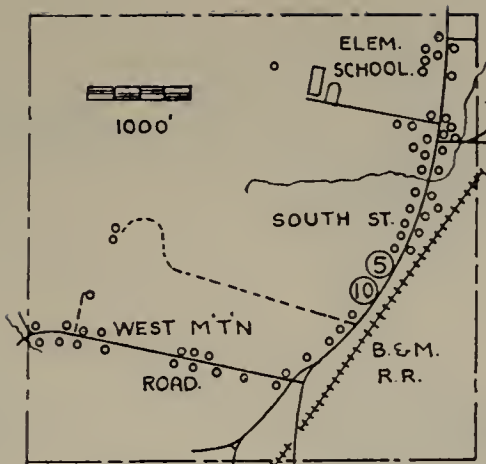
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South from Church Street

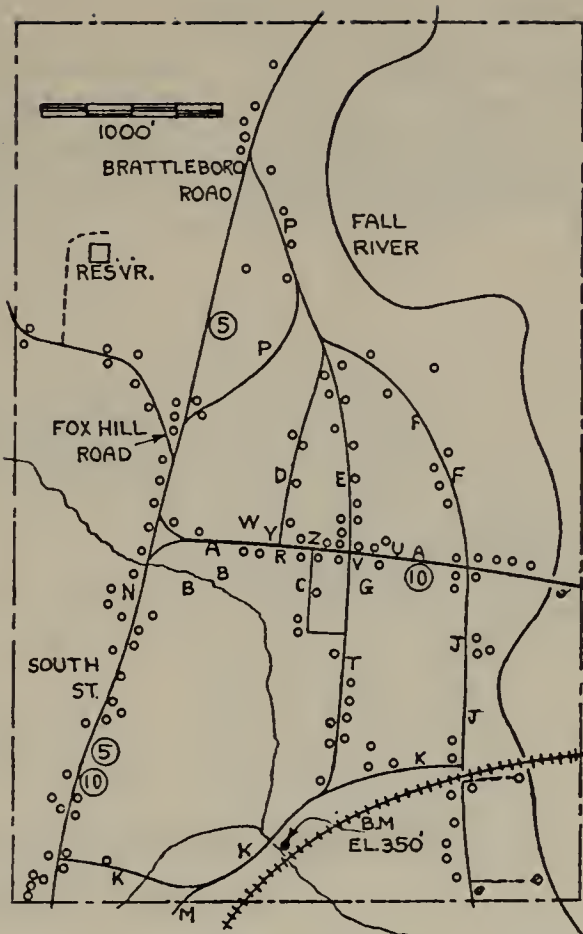
East Side

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| Old Blacksmith Shop— | Raymond Dunnell, owner | Irah Snow |
| Streeter's Storage, 3 | Willis Hale, off street | James McCrea |
| buildings | Truman Boardman | Allene Snow |
| Sawmill, off Street | Adrian Miller | |





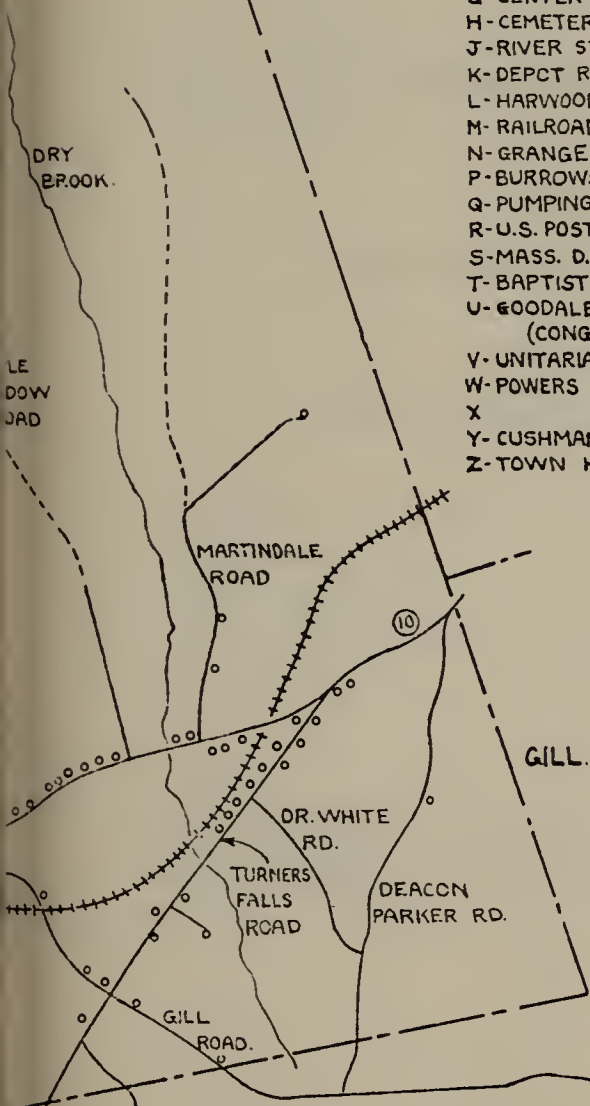
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SOUTH STREET.



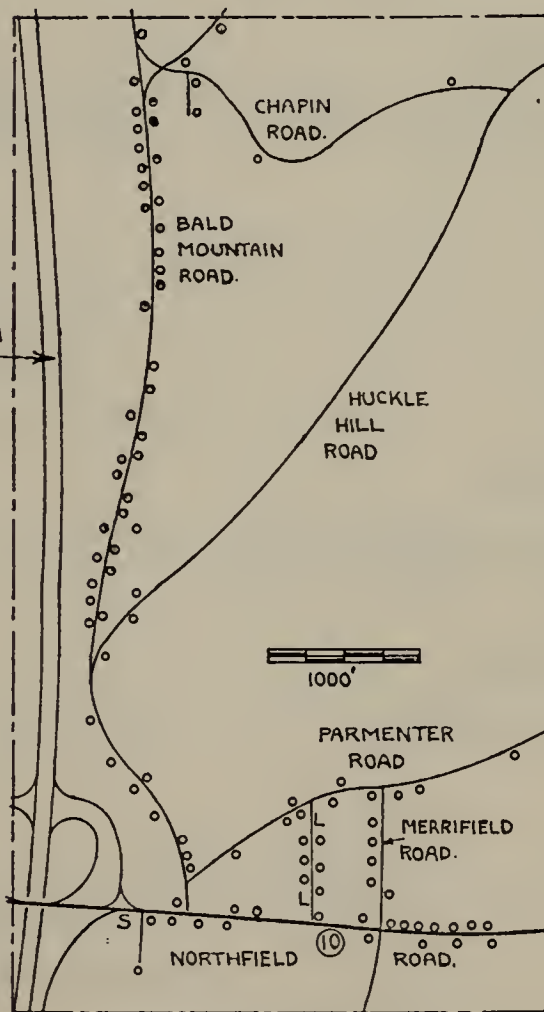
VILLAGE CENTER.

NORTHFIELD.

- A-CHURCH ST. ROUTE #10.
- B-CUSHMAN PARK.
- C-DEWEY ST.
- D-LIBRARY ST.
- E-CENTER ST.
- F-SCHOOL OR HARTWELL ST.
- G-CENTER CEMETERY.
- H-CEMETERY ST. OR DEPOT ST.
- J-RIVER ST.
- K-DEPOT ROAD.
- L-HARWOOD DRIVE.
- M-RAILROAD ST.
- N-GRANGE HALL.
- P-BURROWS TURNPIKE.
- Q-PUMPING STATION.
- R-U.S. POST OFFICE.
- S-MASS. D.P.W. GARAGE.
- T-BAPTIST CHURCH.
- U-GOODALE UNITED CHURCH.
(CONG. & METH)
- V-UNITARIAN CHURCH.
- W-POWERS INSTITUTE.
- X
- Y-CUSHMAN LIBRARY.
- Z-TOWN HALL.



INTERSTATE RTE 91



BALD MOUNTAIN ROAD.
HUCKLE HILL ROAD.

TOWN OF BERNARDSTON. A.D. 1961.

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

AREA=23.5 SQ. MILES. TOWN ROAD MILEAGE=41.87

West Side

Raymond Bickford
 Harold Hale
 Russell Holmes, owner
 J. L. Dunnell & Son—Grist-
 mill

Merle Cranson
 Esther Olsen
 William Kocian
 Truman Boardman, owner

Walter Read
 H. Judd Payne
 Theodore Aleksiewicz

SCHOOL ROAD

West from South Street

South Side

Frank Macy
 David Williams

Elementary School

Harriet Warren, Mary
 Boyden, off road

SCHOOL STREET OR HARTWELL STREET

North from Church Street

East Side

Robert Wessman

Elmore Streeter, owner

Paul Donaldson

West Side

American Legion Home
 Ruth Wilder

Fred Eastman

Junior Wiemers

SHAW ROAD

South from Northfield Road

East Side

Raymond Crosier, owner
 Alonzo Crosier

Herman Streeter, owner

Herman Streeter—Slaugh-
 ter House, off road

West Side

Benjamin Shaw

Irene Park

SOUTH STREET

South from Bernardston Inn

East Side

Bernardston Inn
 Myron Barber
 Lunch Box

Fritz Texaco Service Sta-
 tion
 Lawrence Tubbs

Preston Whitney, off road
 Etta Slate
 Lillian Richmond

Raymond Berthiaume
Hazel Schaufus
Frieda Nelson
Jane Greenwood
Ellis Franklin
John Carlin
Winnie Dunnell

Raymond Dunnell
Ralph Livermore
Karl Merz
Marilla Benjamin
Leonard Middleton
Richard Phelps
Gulf Service Station

Ellen Hume
Franklin Tree Expert Com-
pany, Inc.
Richard Phillips
Chauncey Townsend
Frederick Gaines

West Side

Package Store
Service Station
Richard Zehnter—Four
Columns
Leland Barber
Grange Hall
Charles Skiathitis
Four Leaf Clover
Carlie Scott
Ernest LaPlante
Robert Chamberlin
Herbert Witherell, owner
Herbert Witherell

Morning Star Rest Home
Wilbur Fallon—Pioneer
Valley Motel—4 build-
ings
Ann Senior
Alfred Flagg
Arthur Ward
Robert Hughes
Livermore's Garage
Ina Brightman—Bernard-
ston Motel
Bernard Fowler

George Erving
Ray Franklin
Lawrence Schumaker
Charles McCoy, owner
Clarence Bishop, off street
Louise Taylor, off street
Charles McCoy
Louis Pratt, owner
Morton Whithed
Edward Canedy
Louis Pratt, off street
William Hume, Jr.

TURNERS FALLS ROAD

South from Northfield Road

East Side

Kenneth McGrath
Michael Cascone
Lawrence Carpenter
Charles Blake

Steven Siciak—Bernardston
Auto Wrecking Com-
pany, off road

Elbert Raymond

West Side

Donald Lenois
Winifred Marble
Edgar Lee

James Jurek
James Marble
Charles Neff

Donald Wiemers
Henry Deane

WEST MOUNTAIN ROAD AND EDEN TRAIL

West from South Street

North Side

Morton Whithed, owner
Raymond Bardwell
Loren Adams
Arthur Pietz

Stanley Allen
Alexander DeRosia
Donald McGann
Clifford Tirrell, off road

Frederick Parker
Fred Pratt
Edwin Dyer, owner
Arthur Tyler

South Side

| | | |
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| George H. Davis | Donald Smith | Edwin Dyer |
| George Kenney, Jr. | Gerald Poirier | Wesley Hutchinson |
| Richard Harris | Stanley Kuznik | Arthur Gadd |
| Theodore Ostrowski | George Hale | Ralph Arnold |
| Henry Root | Norman Duprey | |

WEST MOUNTAIN ROAD BRANCH

North from West Mountain Road

East Side

Karl Merz

West Side

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Michael Sewick, John Muska | Edgar Finch |
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WEST ROAD

North from Chapin Road

East Side

George Slocum

Chapter XV

BERNARDSTON GENEALOGY 1900-1960

ABBREVIATIONS

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| b. | born | * (asterisk). indicates reference to same names in either the genealogical or historical section of Mrs. Lucy Cutler Kellogg's History of Bernardston—1902 |
| c. | child | |
| d. | died | |
| dau. | daughter | |
| gp. | grandparents | |
| ggp. | great-grandparents | |
| m. | married | |
| m.h. | moved here | |
| s. | son | |

ADAMS, Loren M., b. Brainardsville, N. Y., June 18, 1882, s. of Herbert D. and Edna A. (Miller) Adams, m. Hattie Hunt, b. Feb. 22, 1883, dau. of John and Mary (Marshall) Hunt, in Bellows Falls, Vt., 1903. m.h. 1929. Emp. Millers Falls Tool Co. c. 1. Arthur B., b. 1911. 2. Eunice P., b. 1916, m. Fred E. Pratt. 3. Earl S., b. 1918.

ALDRICH, Stanley E., b. Northfield, Sept. 9, 1926, s. of Fred C. and Lynna (Royce) Aldrich, m. Beatrice L. Ryder, b. Mar. 26, 1926, dau. of Pereley and Rose (Butterfield) Ryder, in Elkton, Md., 1952. m.h. 1958. Truck Driver, Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel Co. c. 1. Michelle Rose, b. Feb. 25, 1954. 2. Barbara Jeane, b. Mar. 14, 1959.

ALEKSIEWICZ, Theodore P., b. Northfield, June 10, 1921, s. of Frank and Regina Aleksiewicz, m. Bertha Fletcher, b. Oct. 12, 1926, dau. of Louie and Rena B. (Powers) Fletcher, in Brattleboro, 1949. m.h. 1950. Tool Inspector.

ALLEN, Mrs. Lucie F., b. Bernardston, Sept. 24, 1882, dau. of John

W.* and Hattie Estelle Woods Chapin,* m. Frederic E. H. Allen, b. April 5, 1872, son of Luke* and Antoinette Maria (Slate) Allen* in Northampton July 4, 1901. He died Feb. 10, 1935. Packer, Millers Falls Co. c. 1. Marjorie A., b. Mar. 4, 1908, m. Fay Eldred. 2. Stanley Chapin, b. June 22, 1909.

ALLEN, Raymond A., Jr., b. Bethlehem, Pa., 1923, s. of Raymond A. and Olive (Nansteel) Allen, m. Beatrice Messinger, b. 1925, dau. of Claude and Catherine (Liederman) Messinger, in Bethlehem, Pa. 1942. m.h. 1956. Store Manager. c. 1. Raymond Alfred III, b. July 1943. 2. Linda Susan, b. Feb. 1950. 3. Janice Elaine, b. 1952, d. 4. Bruce Lawrence, b. May 1955. 5. Neil Stephen, b. July 1956. 6. Catherine Ann, b. Feb. 1958.

AMIDON, Winthrop Leonard, b. Greenfield, Oct. 5, 1922, s. of Aubrey Otis and Ruth (Denison) Amidon, m. Helena Ross, b. Feb. 25, 1928, dau. of William and Gertrude (Rebeiro) Ross, in Calcutta, India, April 8, 1946. m.h. 1950. Foreman, Welding Shop. c. 1. Barbara Jeanne, b. Jan. 30, 1947. 2. Ross Winthrop, b.

Aug. 6, 1948, d. Jan. 9, 1949. 3. Wayne Colin, b. April 11, 1953, d. June 12, 1955. 4. Winthrop Leonard, b. May 19, 1958. 5. Sidney Keith, b. Oct. 9, 1959.

ATHERTON, Raymond A., b. Bernardston, May 30, 1886, s. of Adelbert S.* and Milia H. (Allen) Ather-ton,* m. Blanch Chapin,* b. May 14, 1887, dau. of Edgar and Etta (Sibley) Chapin,* in Bernardston, May 20, 1908. Carpenter. Children:

1. Hal Raymond, b. Sept. 17, 1909, m. Roberta Carpenter, b. Aug. 22, 1913, dau. of Wilfred and Mary Edwards (Wright) Carpenter, in Greenfield, Mar. 21, 1932. Carpenter. Child:
 1. Francis Hal, b. Nov. 19, 1932, m. Louella Barber, b. June 23, 1934, dau. of Myron E. and Julia Louise (Pratt) Barber, in Bernardston, June 29, 1952. Welder, Bernardston Welding Co. c. 1. Crystal Lou, b. Sept. 8, 1958. 2. Raymond Francis, b. Nov. 17, 1959.
2. Helen G., b. Dec. 21, 1911, m. Robert Workman.
3. Ruth A., b. April 10, 1913, m. Stanley C. Allen.
4. Shirley M., b. June 5, 1917, m. Raymond J. Bardwell.
5. Beryl A., b. Dec. 21, 1922, m. Clarence Jillson.

BAKER, Bettie Joyce, b. Danbury, Conn., Feb. 4, 1923, dau. of Arthur Wilson and Marie Parker (Trigg) Baker. m.h. 1959. Teacher, Dept. of History, The Brearley School, New York City.

BARBER, Dana H., b. Newton, Mass., April 25, 1930, s. of Dana and Olive (Boyle) Barber, m. Roxana L. Wyatt, b. June 17, 1929, dau. of Lynn A. and Georgia L. (Boyle) Wyatt, in Bernardston, 1951, m.h.

1959. Automotive Mechanic. c. 1. Wendy Lynne, b. 1952. 2. Kim Elaine, b. 1953. 3. Susan Faye, b. 1958. 4. Gordon Dana, b. 1959.

BARBER, Myron Ervin, b. Bernardston, Aug. 22, 1898, s. of Ervin Leslie and Nettie Lovina (Cutting) Barber, gp. Gilbert Asa Barber,* m. Julia L. Pratt, b. Mar. 21, 1897, dau. of Clarence D. and Lucy Lucinda (Wrisley) Pratt, ggp. Loren H.* and Eunice (Burrows) Ryther,* in Bernardston, Nov. 26, 1919. Used Car Dealer. Inspector, G.T.D. Corp. Assessor. Children:

1. Stephen Gilbert, b. Greenfield, Aug. 3, 1921, m. Nellie A. Erving, b. Mar. 6, 1920, dau. of George and Mary (O'Riley) Erving, in Bernardston, Nov. 2, 1941. m.h. 1922, Stationary Engineer, Mt. Hermon School Power Plant. c. 1. Jeffrey Erving, b. 1943. 2. Patricia Louise, b. 1947. 3. James Myron, b. 1951.
2. Calvin Douglas, b. Oct. 23, 1922, d. Apr. 1925.
3. Genevieve Lovina, b. May 1, 1924, m. Carl Purple, resides Greenfield.
4. Leland Myron, b. Bernardston, Nov. 26, 1925, m. Doris Lynde, b. Aug. 28, 1922, dau. of Elbert and Clara (Worden) Lynde, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1949. Mgr. Welding Sales & Service. c. 1. Lynda Lee, b. Aug. 6, 1950.
5. Perry Addison, b. Jan. 6, 1928.
6. Ervin Luman, b. May 11, 1930, d. Sept. 21, 1959. Sgt. U. S. Army.
7. Louie Albert, b. Bernardston, Sept. 9, 1932, m. Ella Davis, b. Dec. 1, 1931, dau. of Morton A. and Elsie I. (Reome) Davis, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1952. U. S. Army. c. 1. Philip Morton, b. Sept. 16, 1953. 2. Stephen Mar-

shall, b. Oct. 16, 1955. 3. Lu-
anne Marie, b. Oct. 12, 1960.

8. Louella Nettie, b. June 23,
1934, m. Francis Atherton.

9. Daniel Fairbanks Pratt, b. Oct.
17, 1942.

BARDWELL, Guy J., b. Bernard-
ston, Feb. 10, 1881, s. of Wells T.*
and Sabra Ella (Bagg)* Bardwell, m.
Alice L. Franklin, b. Oct. 7, 1881,
dau. of Henry F. and Lucretia
(White) Franklin, in Greenfield, Nov.
12, 1910. Lived in Townshend, Vt.
for a time, returning here in 1929.
Retired, Lumberman and Gardener.
Children:

1. Raymond James, b. Townshend,
Vt., Dec. 4, 1911, m. Shirley
Atherton, b. June 5, 1917,
dau. of Raymond* and Blanch
(Chapin)* Atherton, in White
Plains, N. Y., 1934. m.h. 1930.
Supervising Tree Surgeon. c. 1.
Ronald Raymond, b. 1936. 2.
Russell James, b. 1941. 3. Rae-
lene Alice, b. 1945.
2. Roger W., b. Townshend, Vt.,
Mar. 5, 1914, m. Cora Shippee,
dau. of Leon B. and Flora
(Bartlett) Shippee, in Dover, Vt.,
Dec. 25, 1939. m.h. 1929. c. 1.
Captolia, b. July 6, 1940, m.
Louis Harris. 2. Wells W., b.
July 8, 1943. 3. Robert D., b.
Mar. 6, 1945. 4. Gladys E., b.
Aug. 24, 1947. 5. Neal R., b.
July 16, 1953.

BARRETT, Richard E., b. St. Johns-
bury, Vt., Jan. 15, 1915, s. of George
P. and Dicia Pearl (Porter) Barrett,
m. Helen May Moon, b. June 19,
1919, dau. of George and Helen (Dea-
ville) Moon, in England, June 24,
1944. m.h. 1951. Manager, Student
Store, Mt. Hermon. c. 1. Gloria Ann,
b. 1945. 2. Patricia Ellen, b. 1948.

BEAUDOIN, Hildege, b. Greenfield,
Mar. 22, 1936, s. of Leon and Evelyn

(Snow) Beaudoin, m. Shirley Pease, b.
Jan. 9, 1935, dau. of Crawford and
Violet (Gerrish) Pease in Bernardston
1954. m.h. 1958. Sales Clerk and Di-
vision Manager, Sears, Roebuck & Co.
c. 1. Eugene Arthur, b. Dec. 11, 1955.
2. Eric Allen, b. Mar. 11, 1958. 3.
Michael Daniel, b. Dec. 10, 1959.

BERG, Albert, b. Feb. 20, 1892, s. of
John and Caroline F. (Werme) Berg,
m. Beatrice (Brown) Harris, b. Fitch-
burg, Feb. 28, 1893, dau. of George
and Emma (Bullough) Brown, widow
of Laurie Lodo Harris, b. 1893, s. of
Arthur and Emma (Beckwith) Harris,
who d. 1948, in Bernardston, 1959.
m.h. 1959. Her children by first mar-
riage. 1. Laurie L. Harris, Jr., b. 1920.
2. Richard D. Harris, b. 1922. 3. Bar-
bara P. Harris, b. 1925.

BERTHIAUME, Raymond J., b.
Salem, Nov. 9, 1911, s. of Edmund
and Marie Georgianna Berthiaume,
m. Gladys Woodard, b. April 26,
1913, dau. of Clinton and Cynthia
Belle (Martin) Woodard, in Green-
field 1931. m.h. 1925. Employed
G.T.D. c. 1. Marie Ann, b. 1933. 2.
Victor Raymond, b. 1935. 3. Norma
Jean, b. 1937. 4. James Russell, b.
1938. 5. Cynthia Assouth, b. 1942. 6.
Judith Rae, b. 1943. 7. Robert Joseph
b. 1944.

BICKFORD, Raymond L., b. Green-
field, Jan. 19, 1896, s. of Oramel S.
and Carrie (Streeter) Bickford, gp.
Harvey D.* and Emma (Stoddard)
Streeter, m. Ruby Franklin, b. April
4, 1899, dau. of Charles A. and Mabel
(Stowe) Franklin, in Burlington, Vt.,
1917. m.h. 1951. Retired. Civil Engi-
neer, Mass. Dept. of Public Works.
c. 1. Betty L., b. 1923, m. Thomas
Johnson. 2. Leslie C., b. 1926.

BIRKS, Florence Elliott, b. Chiches-
ter, Sussex, England, June 12, 1883,
dau. of Rev. Richard Elliott Birks,*
b. Stony Middleton, Derbyshire, Eng-

land, Feb. 14, 1846, m. Margaret Ann White Lang of Boston, b. 1849, Sept. 10, 1867. He d. Jan. 21, 1925. Mrs. Birks d. Nov. 26, 1928. m.h. 1896 when Rev. Richard Birks* became pastor of the Unitarian Church. Private Secretary. Librarian.

BLACK, Alfred P., b. Newberg, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1880, s. of John and Elizabeth (Herron) Black, m. Bessie Bunnell, b. 1878, in Greenfield, 1909. m.h. 1946. Retired. c. 1. Arnold, adopted, b. June 4, 1922.

BLAKE, Charles Samuel, Jr., b. Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 23, 1927, s. of Charles Samuel and Vena Beatrice (Dewey) Blake, m. Marian Florice Hubbard, b. July 2, 1929, dau. of Clayton Tower and Florice Eliza (Clark) Hubbard, in Greenfield, 1950. m.h. 1953. Stereotyper. c. 1. Darleyne Ann, b. 1951. 2. Deborah Jean, b. 1953. 3. Peter David, b. 1955. 4. Amanda Marian, b. 1957. 5. Daniel Richard, b. 1960.

BLISS, Duane B., b. Greenfield, Sept. 10, 1922, s. of Blanchard O. and Pauline E. (Hough) Bliss, m. Barbara M. Cram, b. Aug. 21, 1920, dau. of Edwin S. and Margaret (O'Connor) Cram, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1942. m.h. 1948. Truck Driver. c. 1. Janet, b. 1943. 2. Richard, b. 1947.

BOURBEAU, Artel, b. Montague, Sept. 30, 1911, s. of Frederick B. and Clarina (Merchants) Bourbeau, m. Lillian Sears, b. Sept. 23, 1914, dau. of Levi and Ann Celia (Bourbeau) Sears, in Montague, 1935. m.h. 1954. Painter. c. 1. Earl, b. 1937. 2. Lawrence, b. 1939. 3. Joan, b. 1945. 4. Gail, b. 1952.

BROWN, Leon G., b. Montague City, Sept. 15, 1881, s. of Jason and Ellen (Huntley) Brown. m.h. 1939.

BROWN, Vernon W., b. Brownville, Me., Jan. 14, 1926, s. of William D.

and Eva Gladys (Ames) Brown, m. Lena Scognamiglio, b. Sept. 28, 1926, dau. of Pasquale and Pauline (Schipelletti) Scognamiglio, in Claremont, N. H., Nov. 28, 1949. m.h. 1954. Train Dispatcher, B. & M. R. R. c. 1. Richard Alan, b. 1951. 2. Rhonda Lee, b. 1952. 3. Susan Beverly, b. 1954. 4. Eva Marie, b. 1957.

BURDICK, Ralph Edward, b. Plainfield, Dec. 20, 1930, s. of Herbert A. and Clara Eliza (Galusha) Burdick, m. Christine Andrew, b. Oct. 28, 1933, dau. of Milford B. and Della Louise (Fay) Andrew, in Northfield, July 2, 1955. m.h. 1955. Accountant. c. 1. Stephen Henry, b. Nov. 14, 1956. 2. Stuart Thomas, b. Dec. 31, 1958.

BURROWS, Bryant B., b. Bernardston, Dec. 9, 1891, s. of Baxter P.* and Lucy (Field) Burrows,* m. Hazel E. Shaw, b. Feb. 11, 1895, dau. of Ellsworth E. and Eda (Tinney) Shaw, in Bernardston, 1917. Retired, G.T.D. P.I. Trustee. c. 1. Marion Louise, b. 1917. 2. Doris Beatrice, b. 1919. 3. Lucy Field, b. 1923. 4. Eda Jean, b. 1925. 5. Bryant Baxter, Jr., b. 1929. 6. Ethel Shaw, b. 1931. 7. Edith Emelyn, b. 1933.

BURROWS, Mrs. E. Dora, b. Vernon, Vt., Sept. 10, 1888, dau. of C. Fremont and Ellen L. Fairman, m. Leon Otis Burrows,* b. July 9, 1883, son of Baxter P.* and Abbie Isabelle (Pickett) Burrows* in Brattleboro, Vt., Oct. 31, 1907. m.h. 1907. He d. Jan. 1, 1953. c. 1. Audrey I., b. Oct. 18, 1909, m. Richard Phelps. 2. Charles B., b. Aug. 4, 1912, employed Haskell Lumber Co. 3. Abbie E., b. Aug. 24, 1914, Post Office Clerk. 4. Ellen F., b. Oct. 16, 1921, m. R. E. Houghton, living in St. Augustine, Fla.

BUTLER, John Kenneth, b. Richmond, July 26, 1905, s. of Courtland and Edith (Lynch) Butler, m. Edith

Shaw, b. July 31, 1907, dau. of Myron and Maria (Stebbins) Shaw, in Belchertown, Sept. 12, 1929. m.h. 1943. Refrigeration Sales & Service, LaPierre's, Inc. c. 1. Nancy Edith, b. July 25, 1930. 2. Kenneth Myron, b. Feb. 18, 1935.

CAIRNS, Mrs. Hazel M., b. Boxborough, Sept. 26, 1899, dau. of Grant and Maria Marian (Walker) Morse, m. Harold E. Cairns*, b. June 4, 1893, s. of Egbert* and Eva M. (Mayo) Cairns* in Bernardston, Sept. 16, 1923. He d. Sept. 10, 1931. m.h. 1923. Postmaster. c. 1. Hugh Egbert, b. July 4, 1924. 2. Marian Elizabeth, b. Mar. 24, 1927, m. Raymond Barrs, lives Alabama.

CAIRNS, Mrs. Ruth Cronyn, b. San Jose, Calif., Sept. 10, 1875, dau. of Rev. David Cronyn* and Zella (Reid) Cronyn*, m. Wm. Arthur Cairns, b. Sawyerville, Quebec, s. of Robert and Mary (Smith) Cairns, in Bernardston, 1901. He d. Dec. 9, 1954. m.h. 1888. Retired Teacher.

CANEDY, Edward N., b. Greenfield, s. of Elwin W. and Elizabeth (Carson) Canedy, gp. Newton Carson who lived here about 1898, m. Florence Portman, dau. of George and Anne Gray (Noxon) Portman, gp. Hon. James Noxon and ggp. Hon. Bartholomew Davis Noxon, both Justices of the Supreme Court of New York State, in Boston, 1942. m.h. 1956. Emp. U. S. Post Office, Greenfield. Wife: Taught languages at Dalton High School.

CARLIN, John H., b. Saylesville, R. I., July 15, 1906, s. of John J. and Julia (Lavin) Carlin, m. Esther E. Rice, b. Aug. 31, 1909, dau. of Frank H. and Maude E. (Stanclift) Rice, gp. Charles and Emma Stanclift who m.h. from Vt. in 1895, in Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 1934. m.h. 1943. Supv. in Inspection, G.T.D. Wife, Nurse Supv.

F.C.P. Hospital. Member School Board. c. 1. John R., b. Oct. 1934, Lt. jg. Navy Pilot, Multi-engine. 2. Daniel S., b. Nov. 1935, Lt. Air Force Jet Pilot.

CARPENTER, Lawrence D., b. Greenfield, Jan. 23, 1893, s. of Manley D. and Ethel M. (Lee) Carpenter, m. Ruth E. Plumb, b. Feb. 20, 1895, dau. of Adin I. and Carrie S. (Murdoch) Plumb, in Greenfield, 1915. m.h. 1957. Retired. Owner Retail Milk Business. c. 1. Paul L., b. 1917. 2. Bernice I., b. 1918, m. Franklin K. Weld. 3. Gertrude E., b. 1920, m. Wm. A. Horsmon. 4. Kenneth D., b. 1925. 5. Leonard C., b. 1933. 6. Richard M., b. 1935.

CARPENTER, Miner H., b. West Waterford, Vt., July 13, 1898, s. of Ezra Parker and Mabel Fanny (Hovey) Carpenter (Miner and Dr. Elijah* Carpenter descendants of John Carpenter of London), m. Gladys Smith Haley, b. Aug. 23, 1905, dau. of Walter Benjamin and Nellie Mable (Brown) Haley, gp. Chauncey O. Haley,* a shoemaker here at the time of enlistment in Civil War, in Albany, N. Y., March 21, 1925. m.h. 1957. Retired, Linesman, N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. c. 1. Constance, b. 1925. 2. David, b. 1928, d. in infancy. 3. Francelia, b. 1929, d. in infancy. 4. Miner, Jr., b. 1935. 5. Lance, b. 1938. 6. Adriel, b. 1939. 7. James, b. 1945.

CARSON, James C., b. Greenock, Scotland, June 26, 1889, s. of James and Sarah (Wilson) Carson, m. Eva Miner, b. July 13, 1897, dau. of Herbert and Evelyn (Roberts) Miner, in Greenfield, 1915. m.h. 1959. Salesman, G.T.D. Corp., retired.

CASCONE, Michele M/Sgt., b. Lawrence, July 4, 1920, s. of Catello and Margaret (DiZazzo) Cascone, m. Donabelle Grinage, b. Sept. 7, 1924, dau. of Seth and Hazel Mabel (Down)

Grinage, in Baltimore, Md., June 1943. m.h. 1960. U. S. Army Recruiting Station, Greenfield. c. 1. Sandra Lee, b. Jan. 16, 1944. 2. Janice Renae, b. Apr. 12, 1953.

CHAMBERLIN, Robert E., b. East Ryegate, Vt., Sept. 23, 1905, m. Irene Harrison, b. Aug. 31, 1915, in Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 7, 1937. m.h. 1942. c. 1. Rodney A., b. March 2, 1940. 2. Gladys M., b. Nov. 12, 1941. 3. Harriet F., b. July 31, 1947. 4. Joan E., b. May 7, 1949.

CHASE, George Franklin, b. Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 12, 1915, s. of Charles H. and Ruth (Singleton) Chase, m. Jean Hargraves, b. April 16, 1927, dau. of Frank F. and Grace (Tyrrell) Hargraves, in Framingham, 1950. m.h. 1958. Accountant. c. 1. Susan Elizabeth, b. 1951. 2. Nancy Jean, b. 1954.

CHURCHILL, Mrs. Anna Summers, b. Orange, May 1, 1901, dau. of Richard H. and Julia Augusta (Aldrich) Summers, gp. William Henry and Ann (Rushworth) Summers, m. Winston B. Churchill, b. June 23, 1901, s. of Hervey and Jennie (Brigham) Churchill, in Greenfield, Sept. 28, 1921. m.h. 1904. He d. Aug. 30, 1954. Monotype Operator, Retired. Children:

1. Grais Elaine, b. Dec. 28, 1923.
2. Althea June, b. Feb. 13, 1925, m. Robert Flagg.
3. Neil Winston, b. Bakersfield, Vt., Oct. 2, 1927, m. Norma E. Deane, b. Nov. 10, 1928, dau. of Ralph and Rena (Hale) Deane, ggp. Charles* and Mary L. (Sprague)* Deane, Warren* and Jennie (Thayer)* Hale, Benjamin* and Lura Hale*, in Bernardston, Oct. 24, 1948. Meter Tester, West. Mass. Elec. Co. c. 1. Gary Neil, b. Apr. 8, 1951. 2. Sheila Eileen, b. Dec. 12, 1953. 3. Keith Ralph, b. Jan. 3, 1960.

CLARK, Calvin Merriam, b. Shelburne, March 22, 1924, s. of Charles C. and Emogene G. Clark, m. Virginia Ruth Amidon, b. Nov. 11, 1924, dau. of Aubrey O. and Ruth F. (Denison) Amidon in Greenfield 1943. m.h. 1951. Asst. Foreman Machine Shop. c. 1. Virginia Jean, b. May 2, 1945, d. May 3, 1945. 2. Calvin M. Jr., b. Feb. 2, 1947.

CLARK, Francis E., b. Gill, March 21, 1900, s. of Henry D. and Minnie (Hastings) Clark, m. Henrietta E. Hubbard, b. June 22, 1900, dau. of Walter and Nellie E. (Stanclift) Hubbard, in South Vernon, Vt., 1917. c. 1. Gertrude Irene, b. Jan. 26, 1918, m. Harold Hale. 2. Doris Helen, b. Oct. 23, 1919, m. Paul Arrington. 3. Ruth Emily, b. July 1, 1922, m. Joseph Vigneault. 4. Marion Louise, b. Jan. 22, 1924, m. Henry Landry. 5. Francis E., b. Aug. 7, 1933. 6. Loretta Mae, b. Aug. 10, 1934, m. 1. Leland Black. He d. m. 2. Gordon Derrig. 7. Lois Marilyn, b. July 26, 1938, m. Ellsworth Black.

CLARK, Harland, b. Monroe Bridge, Jan. 28, 1910, s. of Floyd and Gertrude (Whitney) Clark, m. M. Ferne Wood, b. May 23, 1910, dau. of Henry and Mable (Wood) Wood, in Clinton, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1936. m.h. 1946. Co-owner, Clark Hardware Co., Greenfield. c. 1. Dennis Winston, b. 1952. 2. Gayle Ferne, b. 1954.

CLARK, Mrs. Sylvia J., b. Vernon, Vt., July 20, 1891, dau. of Frank and Florence (Wheeler) Johnson, m. Harry R. Clark, b. Vernon, Vt., Aug. 7, 1887, s. of Charles M.* and Mary L. (Fairman) Clark,* in Hinsdale, N. H., June 23, 1928. He d. April 16, 1960. m.h. 1931. Children:

1. Raymond Earl, b. Hinsdale, N. H., Sept. 25, 1930, m. Irene Foster, b. Sept. 23, 1929, dau. of Guy R. and Bessie (Jennings)

Foster, in Winchester, N. H., July 28, 1951. m.h. 1931. Emp. Northfield Schools. c. 1. David Raymond, b. Sept. 11, 1958.

COATES, Harold A., b. Greenfield, Aug. 21, 1915, s. of Arthur A. and Winifred (Taft) Coates, m. Virginia Freese, b. Oct. 17, 1914, dau. of Louis and Emma (Tetreault) Freese in Greenfield, 1937. m.h. 1933. Yard Foreman, Franklin Co. Lumber Co. School Committee, Selectman. c. 1. Nancy Elaine, b. 1940, m. Walter A. Brown. 2. Judith Anne, b. 1946.

CORBIN, Clarence G., b. Clarksburg, Oct. 22, 1884, s. of Charles G. and Minnie (Hayden) Corbin, m. Ruby Richardson, b. July 11, 1889, dau. of Fred and Fanny (Williams) Richardson, in Deerfield, 1912. m.h. 1945. Carpenter and Tool Maker, Retired. c. 1. Charles R., b. 1910. 2. Maravene E., b. 1913. 3. Virginia M., b. 1918.

CORKINS, Lena E., b. Whitingham, Vt., May 27, 1915, dau. of Elhanan and Alice (Lawless) (Corkins) Cushman. m.h. 1927. Proprietor of Beauty Shop. Adopted dau. Lee Anne, b. Feb. 25, 1941. m. Ernest Hastings.

COUTURE, Alvah, b. Lyndonville, Vt., Sept. 25, 1920, s. of Joseph and Elizabeth Jane (Fisher) Couture, m. Anita Grace Heydrick, b. Jan. 18, 1924, dau. of William and Grace (Bel lows) Heydrick, in Hinsdale, N. H., 1945. m.h. 1948. Farm Employee. c. 1. Donald Kent, b. April 4, 1944 (Mrs. Couture's son by previous marriage). 2. Christine, b. Dec. 13, 1946. 3. Patricia, b. March 24, 1948. 4. Rebecca, b. Jan. 27, 1950. 5. Barbara, b. May 30, 1951. 6. Alvah, Jr., b. March 22, 1953. 7. Richard, b. Jan. 3, 1955. 8. Ronald, b. July 28, 1956.

CRANSON, Merle, b. Buckland, Aug. 18, 1920, s. of Julius and Martha

(Hathway) Cranson, m. Ellen M. Raymond, b. Nov. 29, 1924, dau. of George and Grace (Fisk) Raymond, in Greenfield, 1946. m.h. 1949. Truck Driver. c. 1. Sandra, b. 1951. 2. Judy, b. 1952. 3. Linda, b. 1954. 4. Martha, b. 1956.

CRONYN, Theodore, b. Greenfield, 1887, s. of Rev. David Cronyn* and Zella (Reid) Cronyn,* m. Mary Elinor Barber,* b. 1888, dau. of Charles S.* and Grace E. (Allen)* Barber, gp. Rev. Stillman Barber* and Paul J. Allen,* in Rowe, 1944. m.h. 1888. Retired Civil Engineer & Surveyor. Wife: Former Piano Teacher and Library Assistant. Trustee, Cushman Library.

CROSIER, Raymond, b. Greenfield, May 23, 1918, s. of Alonzo and Clara (Jacobs) Crosier, m. Theresa E. Clark, b. Aug. 27, 1926, dau. of Ralph and Beatrice (Johnson) Clark, in Bernardston, July 30, 1946. m.h. 1931. Grinding Machine Operator. c. 1. Leslie E., b. Mar. 8, 1948. 2. Bonnita M., b. July 26, 1949. 3. Janet Ann, b. Mar. 10, 1952. 4. Jeffrey N., b. Feb. 14, 1960.

CROSSMAN, Mrs. Mildred, b. Westford, June 4, 1900, dau. of Frank and Cora (Wilson) Felch, m. Lloyd Crossman in Greenfield, 1920. Divorced. m.h. 1946. Clerk, G.T.D. Corp. c. 1. Victor I., b. Feb. 26, 1924.

CROWN, Merrill Clayton, b. Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 23, 1925, s. of Harold L. and Olive Emily (Monmaney) Crown, m. Frances Kelsey, b. Feb. 29, 1928, dau. of Frank and Daisy Violet (Miles) Kelsey, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1946. m.h. 1953. Painting Contractor.

CUMMINGS, Joseph J., b. Bernardston, Jan. 29, 1911, s. of Joseph and Pauline Sarah (Allis) Cummings. Bee Keeper, Carpenter, Painter, Mechanic, Photographer.

CURTIS, Charles Smith, b. Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 6, 1886, s. of Samuel Wilcox and Julia (Moore) Curtis, m. Ina M. Larkin, b. July 20, 1888, dau. of George J. and Ida M. (Beardslee) Larkin, in Dalton, June 7, 1908. m.h. 1956. Retired Machinist, R. Hoe & Co., New York City. c. 1. Dorothy Winifred, b. Sept. 29, 1909. 2. Robert Charles, b. Mar. 12, 1914. 3. Gerald Stuart, b. Jan. 6, 1924.

CURTIS, Frederick G., b. Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 11, 1932, s. of George Curtis and Eleanor E. (Gough) Curtis, m. Sylvia M. Grant, b. May 20, 1934, dau. of Charles H. and Lillian G. (Widdison) Grant, gp. George W. Grant* and Ida F. (Parmenter)* Grant, in Bernardston, 1952. m.h. 1951. Construction Worker. c. 1. Frederick C., b. Sept. 12, 1953. 2. Vicki Ann, b. June 13, 1955. 3. Toni D., b. June 6, 1956. 4. Robert A., b. July 26, 1957.

CUTTER, Alvin, b. Winchester, N. H., Aug. 25, 1932, m. Sally Butler, b. April 13, 1936, dau. of Charles and Lillian (Carpenter) Butler, in Northfield, 1959. m.h. Sept. 1959. Truck Driver. Wife's children by former marriage: 1. Laurie Phillips, b. April 17, 1954. 2. Kenneth Phillips, b. July 10, 1957. 3. Dawn Phillips, b. Mar. 20, 1959.

DAMON, Edwin Howard, b. So. Deerfield, July 14, 1902, s. of Frank Austin and Ellen (Simonds) Damon, m. Dorothy Maybelle Smith, b. Sept. 10, 1911, dau. of Malcomb and Maybelle Lottie (White) Smith, in Shelburne Falls, Oct. 25, 1930. m.h. 1917. Building Rustic Fences. c. 1. Betty Jane, b. June 25, 1932, m. Stephen Turkington. 2. Dorothy Ellen, b. May 15, 1936. 3. Edwin Howard, Jr., b. Aug. 29, 1937.

DAVIS, Edward R., b. Brattleboro, Vt., June 30, 1918, s. of Merton and Lula (Goewey) Davis (King), m. Phyllis Smead, b. Jan. 1, 1925, dau. of Forrest N. and Mildred (Macarty) Smead, in Greenfield, 1945. m.h. 1933. Builder. c. 1. Judith Ann, b. Sept. 7, 1946. 2. Sally Louise, b. March 12, 1948. 3. Joyce Elizabeth, b. Sept. 25, 1950. 4. Bruce Edward, b. Sept. 5, 1956.

DAVIS, George B., b. Springfield, July 27, 1927, s. of Charron and Mae (Shippee) Davis, m. Dorothy Morin, b. Mar. 20, 1925, dau. of Patrick and Geneva (Corin) Morin, in Greenfield, Oct. 26, 1946. m.h. 1950. Brake-man, B. & M. R. R. c. 1. Mary Lucille, b. Mar. 21, 1948. 2. Daniel K., b. Aug. 21, 1956. 3. Gayle Elizabeth, b. Sept. 6, 1960.

DAVIS, George Hardy, b. Greenfield, June 21, 1890, s. of Ferdinand G. and Frances (Spalding) Davis. m. 1. Gertrude Louise Arnold, b. Nov. 5, 1888, dau. of Daniel and Maria (Knott) Arnold, in Springfield, 1915. She d. Dec. 16, 1918. c. 1. Richard Arnold, b. Dec. 5, 1918. m. 2. Mabeth Eunice Weare, b. July 28, 1895, dau. of George A. and Ella (Morse) Weare, in Cambridge, April 20, 1921. m.h. 1951. c. 1. Janet, b. April 28, 1924. 2. George Hardy, III, b. Aug. 3, 1926. Retired. Advertising and Sales Manager, Rogers, Lunt & Bowlen Co.

DEANE, Asael W., b. Bernardston, May 28, 1886, s. of Charles W.* and Mary L. (Sprague) Deane,* m. Leola E. Barteaux, b. July 16, 1894, dau. of Harry and Minnie (Littlefield) Barteaux in Bernardston 1915. Retired Farmer and Laborer. c. 1. Leonard b. 1916. 2. June, b. 1926.

DEANE, Charles Franklin, b. Bernardston, Jan. 19, 1879, s. of Charles W.* and Mary L. (Sprague)* Deane,

m. Grace Thayer, b. Feb. 11, 1883, dau. of Charles and Fannie (Hamilton) Thayer, in Bernardston, 1900. She d. 1948. Cemetery Supt. Emp. Grain Mill. Children:

1. C. Raymond, b. Gill, July 22, 1900, m. Gladys Raymond, b. Greenfield, Dec. 11, 1903, dau. of George Summer and Grace E. (Fiske) Raymond, in Bernardston, Oct. 24, 1923. He d. Dec. 19, 1953. Children:

1. Percy R., b. Bernardston, Dec. 21, 1924, m. Delphine E. Field, b. May 13, 1925, dau. of Charles and Nellie J. (Daly) Field, in Northfield, June 19, 1944. Emp. Commonwealth of Mass., Dept. of Public Works. c. 1. Carol L., b. 1948. 2. Donna L., b. 1951. 3. Ray C., b. 1956.

2. Helen, b. June 9, 1927, m. Jacob Stotz.

3. Russell L., b. Bernardston, Aug. 1, 1928, m. Lillian Flagg, b. Dec. 27, 1928, dau. of Almon and Marion (Abbott) Flagg, in Bernardston, May 1948. Lea & Deane, Builders. Selectman. Board of Health & Welfare. Wife: Tax Collector. c. 1. Diane Marie, b. 1951. 2. Nancy Lee, b. 1954. 3. Sheryl Lynn, b. 1960.

2. Earle F., b. 1902. d. 1902.

3. Ralph E., b. Aug. 24, 1903, m. Rena Hale, b. 1907, dau. of Frank and Ida (Hale) Hale, gp. Warren* and Jennie (Thayer)* Hale, gp. Benjamin* and Lura Hale*, in Bernardston, 1921. m.h. 1907. Supt. of Streets, Town of Bernardston. Children:

1. Perley, b. 1921, d. 1944 in service.
2. Evelyn, b. 1923, m. Howard Grover.
3. Raymond, b. 1926.

4. Alice, b. 1927, m. Harry Marshall.

5. Norma, b. 1928, m. Neil Churchill.

6. Norman, b. 1928 (twin), d. 1928.

7. Marjorie, b. 1929, m. Donald Wiemers.

8. Roland, b. 1931.

9. Eunice, b. 1934, m. Rodney Grover.

10. Milton E., b. Nov. 23, 1937, m. Janice Foster, b. Mar. 11, 1939, dau. of Frank R. and June (Streeter) Foster, gp. Frank R.* and Lula (Bardwell) Foster, ggp. Wells T. B.* and Sabra Ella (Bagg)* Bardwell, ggp. Erwin M. Streeter,* in Bernardston, 1957. Clerk, Foster's Market, Greenfield. c. 1. William Bradley, b. May 5, 1960.

4. Hurbie F., b. 1905, d. 1943.

5. Albert Walter, b. Gill, Dec. 27, 1906, m. Eleanor M. Meuse, b. Oct. 11, 1909, dau. of William and Sarah Ellen (Martin) Meuse, in Athol, 1928. m.h. 1907. Chauffeur and Laborer. Children:

1. Harold Franklin, b. Nov. 3, 1929.

2. Alfred Kenneth, b. Oct. 10, 1932, m. Betty A. Drew, b. July 24, 1932, dau. of Harry and Mary Louise (Willet) Drew, in Northfield, 1956. Route Salesman.

3. Mildred Louise, b. June 7, 1934, m. David Dwight.

6. Kenneth F., b. 1910, m. Ida A. Hale, b. July 7, 1919, dau. of Benton and Amelia (Blanchard) Hale, gp. Benj.* and Lura (Hale)* Hale, in Bernardston, 1940. He d. 1945. Children:

1. Charles R., b. Jan. 26, 1941.
2. Willis F., b. July 4, 1942.
3. Robert A., b. Sept. 30, 1943.

4. Doris A., b. Aug. 22, 1945.
7. Clifton E., b. 1911, d. 1959.
8. Clarence Merton, b. Bernardston, Nov. 7, 1914, m. Virginia Ruth, b. Nov. 14, 1915, dau. of Henry Edman* and Ruth Lillian (Parmenter) Newton, gp. Galusha P.* and Juliaette (Streeter)* Newton, gp. George W.* and Mabel (Pierce)* Parmenter, in Bernardston, 1938. Service Station Proprietor. Wife: School Committee. Children:
 1. Norman Clarence, b. Aug. 18, 1941.
 2. Leslie Frank, b. April 26, 1944.
 3. Betty Eileen, b. May 26, 1947.

DEANE, Henry E., b. Bernardston, Aug. 11, 1896, s. of Charles W.* and Mary L. (Sprague) Deane.* m. Hazel Raymond, b. Dec. 29, 1901, dau. of George and Grace (Fiske) Raymond in Bernardston, June 8, 1920. Painter. c. 1. James E., b. June 8, 1924.

DeCARTERET, James A., b. Lowell, Aug. 16, 1931, s. of Paul H. and Lillian F. (Ryan) DeCarteret, m. Marilyn M. Ricker, b. Sept. 16, 1933, dau. of Charles and Mildred G. (Clark) Ricker, in Greenfield, July 18, 1953. m.h. 1958. Draftsman (Tool & Product Design). c. 1. Stephen Allen, b. July 8, 1955. 2. Vickie Lynn, b. June 21, 1958.

DELVY, Mrs. Agnes B., b. So. Deerfield, Sept. 4, 1873, dau. of John H. and Elizabeth (Herron) Black, m. John W. Delvy, b. Gill, 1858, s. of John C. Delvy and Sophia (Munn) Delvy, in Greenfield, Jan. 5, 1929. He d. July 2, 1949. m.h. 1956.

DENEAULT, Eugene L., b. Greenfield, July 25, 1922, s. of David and Alice (Cayer) Deneault, m. Anna L. Hillman, b. Jan. 13, 1923, dau. of Alfred W. and Martha (Smith) Hillman, in Greenfield, 1943. m.h. 1953.

Construction Worker. c. 1. Timothy Eugene, b. Sept. 19, 1951. 2. Mary Elaine, b. April 12, 1955.

DENISON, Caroline Gaines, b. Guilford, Vt., May 3, 1891, dau. of E. Everett and Lillian (Hale) Gaines,* m. Harold H. Denison, b. Dec. 27, 1889, s. of Fred B. Denison* and Julia B. (Hulbert) Denison, gp. Lieut. E. S. Hulbert,* in Guilford, Vt., Oct. 9, 1912. m.h. 1912. He died 1951. Library Trustee. Children:

1. Hulbert G., b. Bernardston, Oct. 9, 1918, m. Frances Wiberg, b. Oct. 1, 1926, dau. of Albert and Frances (Bruce) (Wiberg) Gaines, descendant of Robert Bruce, Scotland, in Bernardston, Jan. 10, 1948. Civil Service Employee, Springfield Armory. c. 1. Marsha Lee, b. Nov. 1, 1948. 2. Mary Louise, b. May 27, 1954.
2. Alan E., b. Bernardston, Aug. 21, 1929, m. Alma K. Otto, b. Dec. 10, 1934, dau. of John Otto and Gladys (Welcome) Otto, in Greenfield, 1953. Ordnance Corps, U. S. Army. c. 1. Steven Michael, and 2. Michael Steven, twins, b. 1954. 3. Dan Jeffery, b. 1956.

DENISON, Francis E., b. Montague, Nov. 2, 1920, s. of George and Anna H. (Ummer) Denison, m. Beulah Brown, b. May 13, 1922, d. of Arthur and Beatrice E. (Shaw) (Brown) Nelson, in Leverett, 1945. m.h. 1920. Factory Worker. c. 1. David Arthur, b. 1946. 2. Kathleen Susan, b. 1950. 3. Michael George, b. 1954.

DENISON, John, b. Bernardston, Feb. 27, 1918, s. of George and Anne (Ummer) Denison, m. Anna C. (Steinman) Ammann, in Bernardston, June 24, 1956. Career, Air Force, M/sgt.

DENISON, Marion L., b. Bernardston Dec. 22, 1877, dau. of Aretus L.

and Alma A. (Clapp) Denison. gp. George B. Denison* who m.h. in 1870 from Vt.

DENISON, Melvin A., b. Bernardston, June 19, 1879, s. of Aretus L. and Alma A. (Clapp) Denison. gp. George B. Denison* who m.h. in 1870 from Vt. m. Nettie T. Davis, b. March 10, 1878, dau. of John E. and Jane (Tower) Davis* in Bernardston, 1914. Farmer, retired, Selectman and Assessor. Wife, Librarian. c. 1. Genevieve E., b. 1918, m. Charles Herrick.

DER, Ning H., b. Canton, China, July 7, 1921, s. of Wing G. Der and Jon (Yee) Der, m. Ada Mary Clark, b. March 13, 1926, dau. of Walter Adin* and Maybelle Ida (Merritt) Clark, in Yonkers, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1946. m.h. 1948. Wife's gp. Charles M.* and Mary L. (Fairman)* Clark, descended from Love Fairman* who married Ebenezer Scott,* the first male white child born in Bernardston, and who, in 1746, was taken to Canada as a captive. Custodian P.V.R.S. c. 1. Sharon Rosemary, b. Nov. 15, 1947. 2. Hugh Steven, b. June 14, 1950. 3. Leland Eugene, b. Aug. 5, 1953. 4. Gene Arthur, b. June 8, 1957. 5. Tobe Paul, b. Apr. 1, 1959.

DERRIG, Gordon E., b. Vernon, Vt., Aug. 26, 1927, s. of John C. and Gertrude Evelyn (Stanclift) Derrig, m. Loretta (Clark) Black, b. Aug. 19, 1933, dau. of Francis E. and Henrietta Emily (Hubbard) Clark, in Winchester, N. H., Aug. 26, 1959. m.h. 1957. Carpenter. Wife's children by first marriage: 1. Deborah Ann Black, b. Jan. 8, 1951. 2. Daniel Leland Black, b. Aug. 19, 1953.

DERRY, Leo N., b. Greenfield, Sept. 11, 1911, s. of George F. and Margaret (Hayes) Derry, m. Dorothea Foster, b. Aug. 11, 1912, dau. of Frank R.* and Lula (Bardwell) Fos-

ter, gp. Wells T. B.* and Sabra Ella (Bagg)* Bardwell, in Bernardston, Feb. 19, 1939. m.h. 1939. Structural Designer, B. & M. R. R. Wife: Church Organist. c. 1. Kent R. H., b. Nov. 14, 1939.

DONALDSON, Fred A., b. Hamilton, Ontario, March 8, 1890, s. of John G. and Sara McGarigle Donaldson, m. Grace M. Lyon, b. Oct. 31, 1894, dau. of Joseph E. and Marcia E. (Dane) Lyon, in Orleans, Vt., 1913. m.h. 1930. Gen. Mgr., J. G. Turnbull Co., Greenfield. Pres. Cushman Library Trustees, Trustee Cushman Hall, Cushman Park and Powers Institute. Member Finance Committee. Water Commissioner. Civil Defense Director. Children:

1. Sara Louise, b. 1920, m. Richard A. Davis.
2. Paul Joseph, b. Greenfield, July 28, 1926, m. Elizabeth James, b. Aug. 25, 1926, dau. of Ernest and Allegra C. (Herzig) James, in Bernardston, Oct. 24, 1947. m.h. 1930. Antique Dealer. Water Comm. School Comm. Regional School Comm. c. 1. Stephan James, b. July 11, 1948, d. May 30, 1954. 2. Timothy Fredrick, b. May 17, 1950. 3. Edith Marcia, b. June 22, 1955.

DREW, Harry H., b. Canada, July 21, 1892, s. of Henry and Fanny (Hawley) Drew, m. Mary Louise Willett, b. March 9, 1909, dau. of Ernest and Ectorine (Boisvert) Willett, in Turners Falls, 1925. m.h. 1952. Clerk. c. 1. Dorothy, b. Nov. 17, 1927, m. Robert Livingstone. 2. Betty, b. July 24, 1932, m. Alfred Deane.

DREW, Norman F., b. Greenfield, Sept. 27, 1921, s. of Harry and Frances (Stanbridge) Drew, m. Eileen Coogan, b. May 20, 1922, dau. of Edward and Mary Agnes (Murphy) Coogan, in Millers Falls, 1947. m.h. 1930.

Owner, Gasoline Service Station. Boards of Selectmen, Welfare, and Health. c. 1. Mary Jane, b. Mar. 22, 1949. 2. Norma Jean, b. Apr. 25, 1950. 3. Mark Edward, b. Dec. 9, 1951. 4. Martha Eileen, b. June 20, 1953. 5. Jacqueline Ann, b. Jan. 5, 1956. 6. Carol Holly, b. Dec. 24, 1956. 7. John Frederick, b. Mar. 29, 1959. 8. Joan Elizabeth, b. July 25, 1960.

DUCHAIN, Allen, b. Barre, Vt., April 17, 1924, s. of Alfred and Florence (Reynolds) Duchaine, m. Ruby LaRock, b. Feb. 6, 1927, dau. of Clarence and Elva S. (Magoon) LaRock, in So. Burlington, Vt., 1946. m.h. 1959. Manager, James Perry Farm. c. 1. Bonnie Louise, b. Sept. 2, 1948. 2. Robert Allen, b. Feb. 27, 1951. 3. Theodore Alfred, b. Dec. 9, 1952. 4. Timothy Joseph, b. Dec. 17, 1957.

DUPREY, George O., b. Peterborough, N. H., Aug. 17, 1886, s. of George O. and Esther (Abbott) Duprey, m. Rosa Pellerin, b. July 7, 1884, dau. of Phillip and Mary Hellen (Bergeron) Pellerin, in Hinsdale, N. H., June 14, 1909. m.h. 1914. Farmer. Children:

1. Albert, b. Aug. 10, 1911.
2. Clarence, b. Sept. 18, 1912.
3. Chester, b. Oct. 4, 1915.
4. Norman, b. April 8, 1919, m. Frances E. Brightman, b. July 21, 1917, dau. of William and Ina (Carson) Brightman, in Greenfield, Oct. 10, 1948. Milk Producer & Dealer. c. 1. David William, b. Dec. 15, 1953. 2. Mark Lawrence, b. May 12, 1957.
5. Eva, b. Jan. 4, 1924, m. Albert Siano, Jr.

DUNN, Mrs. Minnie, b. Portsmouth, N. H., March 13, 1919, dau. of Henry and Rubie Mae (Miller) Woodward, m. Scott Andrew Dunn, in Costigan, Me., June 25, 1939. Divorced. Waitress. c. 1. Gloria Mae, b. July 3,

1944. 2. Steven Russell, b. Oct. 12, 1945. 3. Scott Elbridge, b. Dec. 28, 1946.

DUNNELL, Mrs. Winnie Annot Wise, b. West Deerfield, Jan. 4, 1871, dau. of Lucius Barnard and Julia Arabella (Truesdell) Wise, m. John Luther Dunnell, b. Colrain, Feb. 12, 1864, s. of Darius Dudley and Diantha Jerusha (White) Dunnell, in West Deerfield, Oct. 5, 1892. He died 1946. m.h. 1921.

1. Alton Maynard, b. Oct. 23, 1895.
2. Raymond Leighton, b. Northfield, Feb. 27, 1901, m. Margaret Edna Baker, b. Littleton, N. H., Dec. 22, 1895, dau. of James and Margaret (King) Baker, in Littleton, N. H., June 28, 1924. m.h. 1921. Owner, J. L. Dunnell & Son, dealer in Grain, Feeds, Coal and Cement. Water Commissioner. Wife: School Committee, Trustee Cushman Library, Cushman Hall Committee. c. 1. Jane Lois, b. Aug. 12, 1927, m. Lester Gilbert, resides in Turners Falls.

DWIGHT, David A., b. West Hatfield, Jan. 27, 1930, s. of Myron and Franc (Long) Dwight, descendant of Timothy Dwight who surveyed out Bernardston, m. Mildred Deane, b. June 7, 1934, dau. of Albert and Eleanor (Meuse) Deane, ggp. Charles Deane,* in Bernardston, 1953. m.h. 1953. Truck Driver. c. 1. Eugene Alan, b. Apr. 13, 1955. 2. Susan Marie, b. Aug. 9, 1957. 3. Beverly Ann, b. Oct. 18, 1959.

DYER, Edwin Wm. Francis, b. Greenfield, Oct. 15, 1919, s. of Edwin W. F. Dyer and Minnie (Howard) Dyer, gp. Fayette C. Howard who lived for a time in Bernardston and ran a harness shop here, mother was born here, m. Caryl Hopkinson, b.



The Ralph Cushman House, North Bernardston,
restored and owned by
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Leonard.



The Sterling Nelson home, Fall Town's
second framed dwelling built by
Samuel Connable.



The Dr. Elijah Carpenter house, 1829,
summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parsons.



Fireplace and pewter ware in the home
of Mrs. Frieda Koonz Nelson.
Four Generations of Chapins lived here.



New England House, located on the site
of the present Bernardston Inn,
burned in 1904.



Chase Tavern, used as post for changing
horses on Brattleboro stage route.



Shears Store, 1912; Harold Streeter
driving delivery wagon, G. F. Shears
and Everett Hale on porch.



Harry Lazelle's Store, 1905.
Post Office at right, clerk Avis Hale in doorway.



Railroad Arch,
looking south on River Street.



River Street, showing "Tramp House,"
burned in 1923.



Boston & Maine Railroad Station, razed 1949,
showing commuters, milk cans, water tank.



Express train crossing Fall River.
Sawmill and logs in foreground.



The Parade, during the 150th Anniversary,
August 7, 1912.



FALL RIVER BRIDGES



The old "Iron Bridge" on Route 10, replaced
in 1923 by the concrete bridge which
was taken down in 1959.





Burke Bridge on Burke Flat Road replaced
by concrete in 1959 for Route 91.



Hoe Shop Road Bridge replaced in 1957.
Hulbert Cutlery at left, office at right.



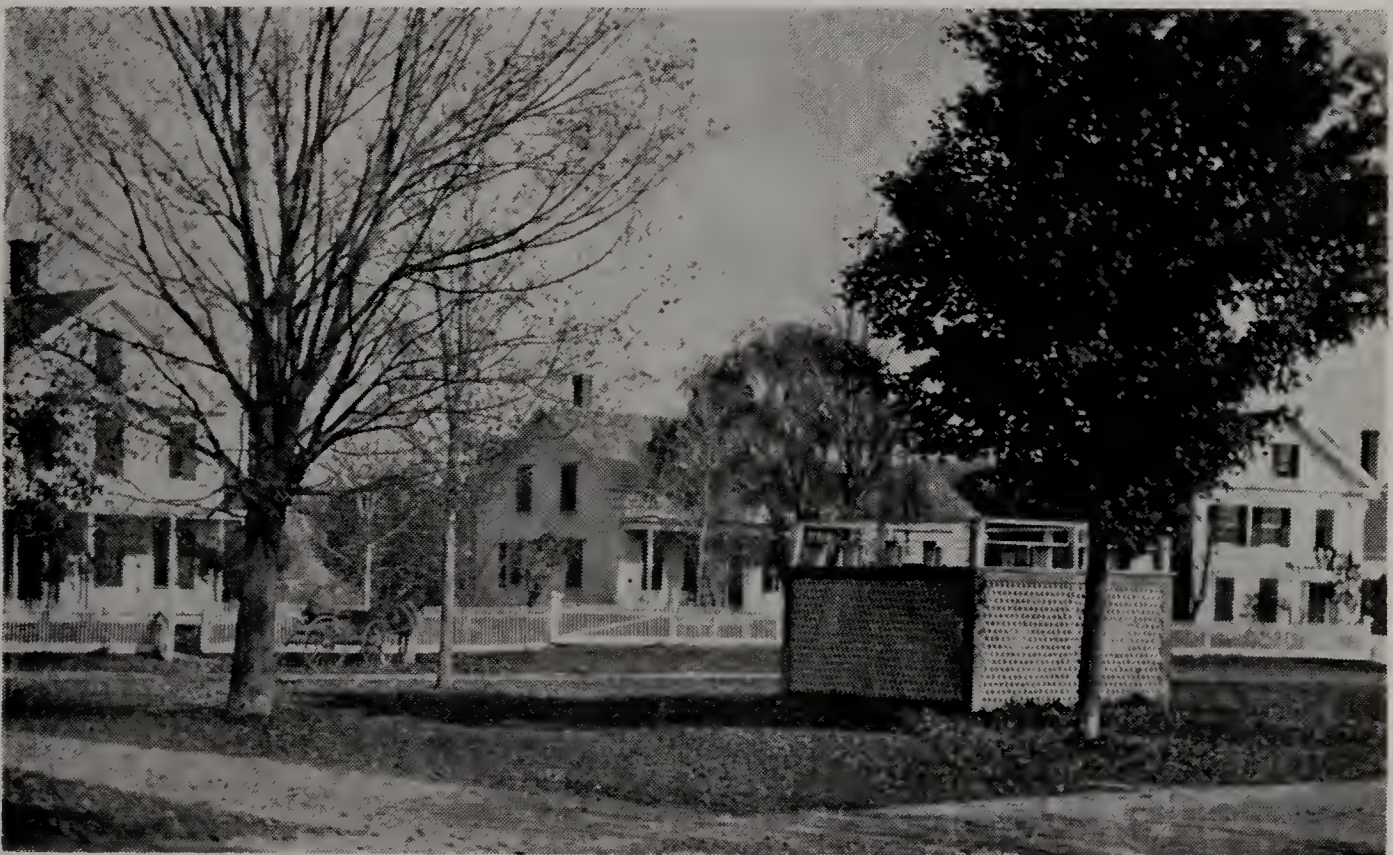
High water at the Mill Dam.
Water operates gristmill by rope drive.



Scenic Railroad Bridge of four arches,
built in 1846.

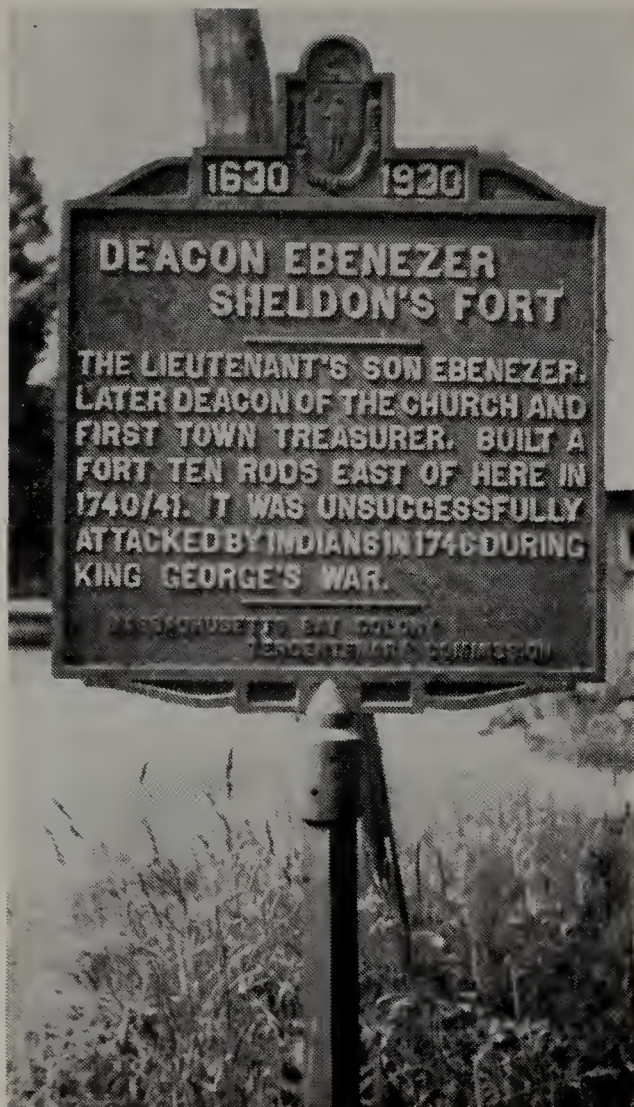


Cushman Park Band Stand, Well House,
and Fox Brook.

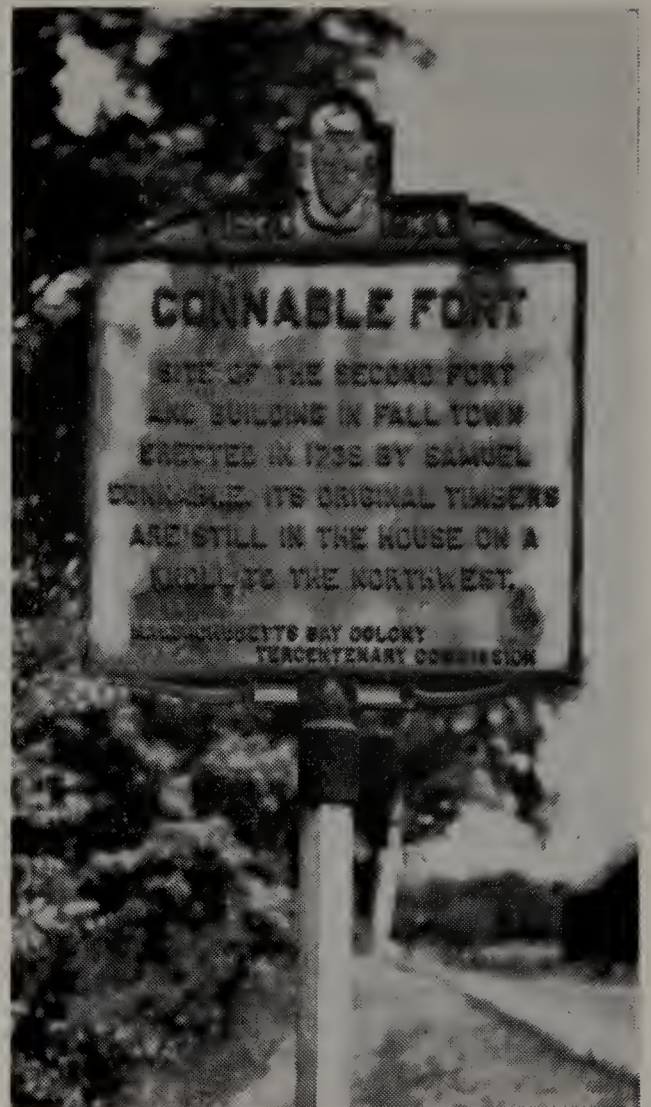


Band Stand on the "Green," 1875, corner
of School and Church Streets, opposite
Streeter's Store.

FORT MARKERS PLACED IN 1930



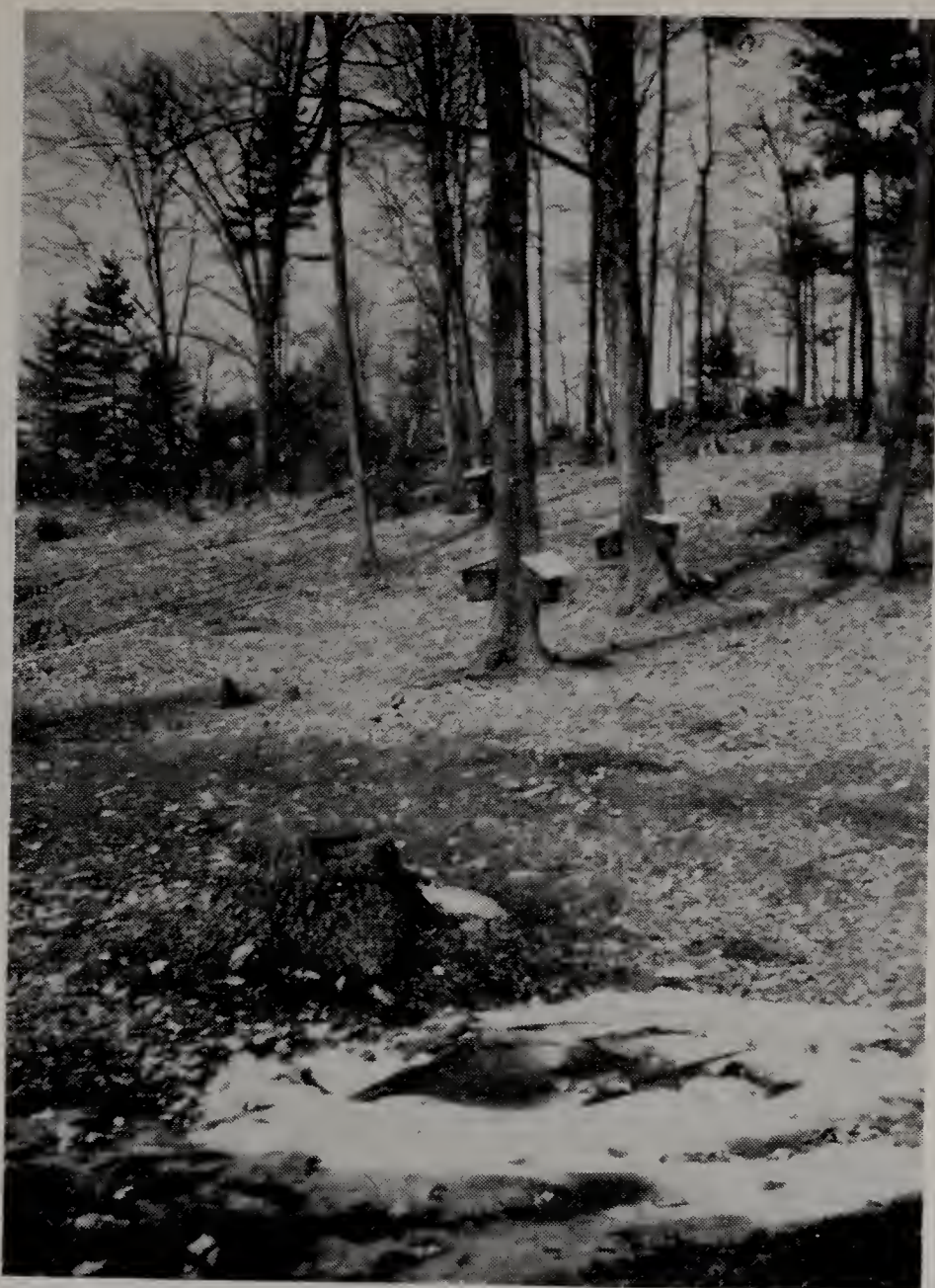
Huckle Hill Road



Brattleboro Road



The E. S. Hulbert Cutlery, established in 1852 on Hoe Shop Road.



The last of the red wooden sap buckets,
Bald Mountain Road, 1949.



West Mountain and Millpond from
Bald Mountain Road.



Fall River Meadow and Millpond,
August, 1958, now Route 91.



View of Bernardston from Fox Hill showing
the village spires, 1960.



A 1960 view of Bald Mountain Road looking south, showing new houses.



Fishing Derby, Silver Lake,
spring of 1960.



Bernardston Village from the air, 1960.

Dec. 19, 1920, dau. of Harry and Tryphena (Griffin) Hopkinson, in Dalton, Jan. 5, 1946. m.h. 1932. Dairy Farmer. Wife: Librarian. c. 1. Edwin W. F., III, b. Oct. 14, 1946. 2. Peter Harry, b. July 17, 1949.

EASTMAN, Fred Harrison, b. West Springfield, Oct. 7, 1906, s. of Fred H. and Cora (Corbett)* Eastman, gp. Myron L. Corbett* and Mary S. (Johnson)* Corbett, m. Sarah Helen, b. Feb. 20, 1907, dau. of William and Helen (Hale) Boyle, in Bernardston, Aug. 13, 1930. m.h. 1908. Inspector, Threadwell T. & D. Co. Selectman. Member Cushman Hall Committee. c. 1. Leonard Corbett, b. June 25, 1933. 2. Linda Christine, b. Dec. 12, 1937, m. John Randall.

EMERSON, John Herbert, b. San Jose, Cal. June 24, 1935, s. of Herbert W. and Winnifred (Davis) Emerson, m. Janice Farr, b. Nov. 14, 1935, dau. of Joyce and Esther (Lynden) Farr in San Jose, Cal. 1955. m.h. 1959. Minister, Goodale United Church. c. 1. Joanne Elaine, b. Dec. 17, 1957. 2. Julie Gaye, b. Sept. 27, 1960.

ERVING, George H., b. Leyden, Jan. 3, 1883, s. of John and Ann (Campbell) Erving, m. Mary A. O'Riely, b. Mar. 4, 1899, dau. of Charles and Mary E. (Corr) O'Riely, in Greenfield, 1917. m.h. 1923. Emp. G.T.D., Retired. c. 1. Nellie A., b. Mar. 6, 1920, m. Stephen Barber. 2. Marjorie A., b. Sept. 24, 1924, m. Charles Shebell. 3. Bernice E., b. Oct. 23, 1934, m. Richard Brooks.

FALLON, Wilbur L., b. Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 12, 1907, s. of Wilbur C. and Etta S. Fallon, m. Margaret Townsend, b. March 2, 1913, dau. of Delbert and Minnie (Morse) Townsend in Middletown, N. Y., 1939. m.h. 1953. Accountant and motel operator. Town Finance Committee and Town Auditor. c. 1. Daniel M.,

b. Feb. 5, 1943. 2. John D., b. Sept. 11, 1945.

FELCH, Frank, b. Westford, Mass., Sept. 22, 1876, s. of John and Ann (Kendall) Felch, m. Cora Wilson, b. Sept. 7, 1879, dau. of Joseph and Carrie (Fletcher) Wilson in Nashua, N. H., 1895. m.h. 1946. Emp. G.T.D. c. 1. William, b. Oct. 18, 1896. 2. Mineva, b. Feb. 7, 1898. 3. Mildred, b. June 4, 1900.

FIELD, Delvy M., b. Northfield, May 13, 1925, s. of Charles F. and Nellie (Daley) Field, m. Jeanne Bergeron, b. June 27, 1929, dau. of Fred L. and Josephine (Pidgeon) Bergeron, in Greenfield, 1951. m.h. 1952. Clerk-Mgr., S. E. Johnson, Plumber, Northfield. Constable. Water Commissioner. c. 1. Loran Gerard, b. 1954.

FIELD, William E., b. Bernardston, April 24, 1887, s. of John E. B.* and Sarah Maria (Bain)* Field, m. Helen Octavia Douglas, b. Oct. 31, 1880, dau. of Rev. Henry and Martha Jane (Root) Douglas, in Bernardston, Oct. 16, 1912. She died Dec. 1959. Retired Farmer. Selectman. Children:

1. Florence L., b. Aug. 5, 1913.
2. Elizabeth N., b. Aug. 7, 1915, d. Feb. 1930.
3. Norman D., b. July 6, 1918.
4. William Edward, Jr., b. July 13, 1920, m. Ada May Phelps, b. Mar. 15, 1922, dau. of Everett and Antoinette E. (Masse) Phelps in Bernardston, March 15, 1943. State Highway Employee. Constable. c. 1. Barbara Ann, b. 1944. 2. Betty Jean, b. 1947. 3. Douglas Phelps, b. 1953.

FITZHERBERT, Clayton E., b. Blaine, Me., May 2, 1885, s. of Seth and Virginia (Clark) Fitzherbert, m. Viola C. Shepherd, b. Nov. 19, 1886, dau. of John and Bertie (Philbuck)

Shepherd, in Corinna, Me., Sept. 18, 1912. m.h. 1922. Carpenter. Children:

1. Atwood, b. April 15, 1913.
2. Kenneth, b. June 12, 1914.
3. Barbara, b. April 26, 1916.
4. Nathalie, b. Dec. 15, 1918.
5. Agnes, b. Feb. 21, 1922.
6. Thurlow J., b. Feb. 10, 1928, m. Betty A. Heselton, b. June 20, 1934, dau. of Corys M. and Alice (Beeder) Heselton, in Springfield, July 4, 1952. Carpenter. c. 1. Terryl James, b. Nov. 18, 1954. 2. Carol Lynn, b. March 29, 1959.

FLAGG, Almon D. J., b. Bernardston, Aug. 17, 1895, s. of Alfred Dana Flagg, and Addie (Slate) Flagg, m. 1. Marion Abbott, b. June 11, 1896, dau. of Charles and Nettie (Hale) Abbott, gp. Benjamin and Lula G. (Hale) Hale, in East Northfield, Oct. 23, 1919. She d. Aug. 23, 1942. m. 2. Gladys Eleanor Bruffee, in Greenfield, Jan. 29, 1945. She d. Aug. 10, 1950. Farmer and Lumberman. Children:

1. Alfred Charles, b. Aug. 23, 1921, m. Nathalie Ward, b. July 5, 1914, dau. of Arthur and Maude (Harris) Ward, in Brattleboro, May 14, 1955. Serviceman, Bernardston Auto Exchange. Wife's children by former marriage: 1. C. Elwyn Beckwith, b. Apr. 28, 1936. 2. Byron Ward Beckwith, b. April 15, 1940. 3. Brenda Jean Beckwith, b. Nov. 1, 1943.
2. Doris Louise, b. Sept. 15, 1924, m. Geo. B. Hayden, res. Ohio.
3. Harold Almon, b. June 21, 1926, d. June 29, 1926.
4. Robert Dana, b. June 20, 1927.
5. Lillian Elizabeth, b. Dec. 27, 1928, m. Russell Deane.
6. Douglas James, b. April 30, 1932.
7. Allan Richard, b. April 9, 1934.
8. Marjorie Florence, b. July 23, 1937, m. Richard Smith.

9. Norman Leslie, b. June 9, 1940, m. Judith M. Shedd, b. Bernardston, May 10, 1941, dau. of Allan and Lillian (Martin) Shedd, gp. Fannie May (Martindale),* ggp. Edward C. and Mary (Sandin)* Martindale, in Bernardston, Aug. 1, 1959. Gas Station Attendant. c. 1. Patricia Anne, b. May 8, 1960.

10. Kenneth Almon David, b. 1945.
11. Richard Arlan, b. 1947.

FLEMING, Howard F., b. Dexter, Me., Dec. 31, 1913, s. of John and Dorothy (May) Fleming, m. Adeline G. McAllister, b. May 27, 1916, in Kittery, Me., 1937. m.h. 1960. Maintenance Mechanic Welder. c. 1. Carol Ann, b. 1938. 2. John Andrew, b. 1940. 3. Douglas Alan, b. 1942. 4. Patricia Jane, b. 1947.

FOGG, John F., b. Fairfield, Me., May 24, 1923, s. of Dr. Wallace and Grace (Savage) Fogg, m. Phyllis Foster, b. June 10, 1923, dau. of Frank R.* and Lula (Bardwell) Foster, gp. Wells and Ella (Bagg)* Bardwell,* in Bernardston, 1944. m.h. 1946. Salesman. c. 1. Gordon F., b. July 30, 1945. 2. R. Gardner, b. April 5, 1948. 3. Joy Foster, b. Jan. 8, 1953. 4. Carol Ann, b. Jan. 21, 1955.

FOSS, Wayland A., b. Eden, Vt., Sept. 8, 1913, s. of Justus and Daisy May (Parrinn) Foss, m. Artie Hope Raglin, b. June 1, 1914, dau. of Thomas Casper and Emery Ethel (Addington) Raglin, in No. Hyde Park, Vt., 1951. m.h. 1946. Service Station Operator and Owner.

FOSTER, Mrs. Lula B., b. Bernardston, June 16, 1879, dau. of Wells T. Bardwell* and S. Ella (Bagg)* Bardwell, m. Frank R. Foster,* b. Leyden, Feb. 4, 1867, s. of Ransom* and Climenta (Frizzell) Foster,* in Leyden,

Sept. 5, 1906. He d. April 23, 1935.
Children:

1. Winifred, b. 1907, m. Albert Townsend.
2. Jean, b. 1909, m. John Sutherland.
3. Marguerite, b. 1910, m. John Morton. She d. 1945.
4. Dorothea, b. 1912, m. Leo Derry.
5. Constance, b. 1914, m. Ralph Perry.
6. Kathleen, b. 1916, m. Vernon Aiken.
7. Beryl, b. 1919, m. Wm. Underwood, Jr.
8. Frank R., II, b. Leyden, May 22, 1920, m. June G. Streeter, b. June 6, 1922, dau. of Herman A. and Lottie D. (Pratt) Streeter, gp. Clarence D. and Lucy (Wrisley) Pratt, ggp. James* and Eunice Serepta (Nelson)* Streeter, in Boonsville, N. Y., 1938. Merchant. Town Moderator. c. 1. Janice Elaine, b. Mar. 17, 1939, m. Milton Deane. 2. Frank R., III, b. May 5, 1940. 3. Judith Ann, b. Mar. 25, 1944. 4. Jill D., b. July 24, 1948.
9. Phyllis, b. 1923, m. John Fogg.

FOWLER, Bernard E., b. Bernardston, July 15, 1913, s. of Daniel and Myrtle (Mulroney) Fowler, m. Dorothy Anderson, b. Nov. 4, 1918, dau. of Robert and Frances Cynthia (Day) Anderson, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1939. m.h. 1942. Asst. Foreman, Precision Tool Dept., Millers Falls Co. Member School Board. c. 1. Bernard Eugene, Jr., b. Feb. 7, 1941. 2. James Robert, b. Jan. 30, 1944. 3. Susan Frances, b. Feb. 21, 1947.

FRANKLIN, Ray Ellis, b. Guilford, Vt., Jan. 19, 1890, s. of James Henry and Emma Mary (Franklin) Franklin,* descended from same family trees as Benjamin Franklin, Calvin Coolidge and Robert Fulton, m. Flor-

abelle May Newton, b. Nov. 20, 1893, dau. of Galutia Potter* and Juliaette (Streeter) Newton,* in Bernardston, Oct. 7, 1914. m.h. 1895. Selectman and Trustee of Powers Institute. Retired, Agent B. & M. and Central Vt. R. R. Children:

1. Ellis Newton, b. Dec. 23, 1915, m. Irene M. Streeter, b. Sept. 6, 1914, dau. of Harold and Ethel (Cairns)* Streeter, in Bernardston, 1938. Carpenter-Foreman, Northfield Schools. c. 1. James Ellis, b. 1939. 2. Rebecca Jean, b. 1941, deceased. 3. Philip Streeter, b. 1943. 4. Henry Starr, b. 1946.
2. Ray Junior, b. June 6, 1921.

FRENCH, Florence E., b. Chester, Vt., Dec. 12, 1895, dau. of Elmer E. and Sarah Jane (Andrews) French. m.h. 1921. Stenographer.

FREYENHAGEN, Everett E., b. Wilmington, Vt., June 28, 1922, s. of Clarence E. and Mildred (Atherton) Freyenhagen, m. Eleanor E. Williams, b. April 4, 1922, dau. of Leon C. and Florence (Upton) Williams, in Whitingham, Vt., 1941. m.h. 1944. Lumberman. Children:

1. Edward Everett, b. Montague, Dec. 14, 1941, m. Elizabeth Gail Tucker, b. Northampton, 1943, dau. of Earle and Florence (Thompson) Tucker, in Greenfield, 1958. Reconditioning Used Cars. c. 1. Edward Everett, b. 1959. 2. Daniel Richard, b. 1960.
2. Earl Elwin, b. Mar. 21, 1943.
3. Ernest Eugene, b. July 14, 1945.

GADD, Arthur H., b. Leicester, England, Dec. 10, 1884, s. of George and Mary Ann (Wood) Gadd, m. Alice Williams, b. May 1, 1888, dau. of Titus and Cora C. (Martin) Williams in Greenfield, Dec. 31, 1942. m.h. 1945. Poultry Farmer.

GAGNON, Lester E., b. Chicopee, June 17, 1904, s. of Adalard and Florence (Solitaire) Gagnon, m. Leah Despins, b. Mar. 2, 1906, dau. of Omer and Albina (Desautels) Despins, in N. Canaan, Conn., 1946. m.h. 1959. Bus Operator. Wife's children by former marriage: 1. Elizabeth Murley, b. Apr. 25, 1925, m. Donald Pollard. 2. Robert G. Murley, b. Sept. 23, 1932. 3. Patricia Murley, b. Apr. 12, 1934, m. James Gamlin. 4. Joyce Murley, b. Aug. 22, 1935, m. Dexter Wright.

GAINES, Frederick E., b. Montague, Oct. 7, 1922, s. of Sidney J. and Rowena (Hale) Gaines, gp. Benj.* and Lura G. (Hale) Hale,* m. Thelma Schacht, b. July 25, 1925, dau. of William and Myra Belle (Hastings) Schacht, in Hinsdale, N. H., 1954. m.h. 1949. Truck Driver. c. 1. Sandra G. Batchelder (stepdaughter), b. 1950. 2. Frederick E., Jr., b. 1954. 3. Alan S., b. 1956.

GALE, Lawrence Sumner, b. Charlemont, Mass., June 3, 1891, s. of Luther Sumner and Lilla Inez (Whipple) Gale, m. Edice M. Eastman, b. June 25, 1895, in Amherst, dau. of Sidney Baxter and Sarah Lena (Saxton) Eastman, in Amherst, Jan. 1, 1916. m.h. 1929. Farmer. Inspector of Slaughtering. Children:

1. Kenneth Eastman, b. Feb. 19, 1917, d. Mar. 13, 1936.
2. Ruth Frances, b. April 6, 1919, m. Walter Paulsen.
3. Shirley Louise, b. Aug. 8, 1922, m. Eugene K. Sweet.
4. Katherine Elizabeth, b. July 4, 1924, m. Emerson J. Thurber.
5. Edice Laura, b. Aug. 12, 1932, m. Frederick T. Skalski.
6. Ellsworth Sumner, b. April 12, 1934, m. Beverly Herron, b. Sept. 1, 1934, dau. of Donald and Ruth (Lawrence) Herron,

in Leyden, 1955. Employed Farm Bureau. c. 1. Donna Elaine, b. March 7, 1956. 2. Jeffrey Lawrence, b. June 5, 1957. 3. Robert Sidney, b. June 23, 1960.

7. Roger Lawrence, b. July 16, 1942.

GIBSON, Luther W., b. Saxonville, Feb. 10, 1907, s. of Herbert Stanley and Carlotta Theresa (Bauer) Gibson, m. Eva N. Townsend, Nov. 27, 1912, dau. of George and Cora Nellie (Day) Townsend, in Putney, Vt., 1939. m.h. 1930. Mechanic. c. 1. Theodore Luther, b. Oct. 19, 1940. 2. Warren Stanley, b. Jan. 31, 1946. 3. Francis Alan, b. June 6, 1950.

GRANT, Charles H., b. Bernardston, April 15, 1907, s. of George W.* and Ida F. (Parmenter)* Grant, m. Lillian G. Widdison, b. Feb. 26, 1906, dau. of Timothy and Ella M. (Miller) Widdison, in Bernardston, Aug. 2, 1930. Steel Hardener, G.T.D. Corp., Greenfield. c. 1. Edith Elaine, b. Aug. 25, 1932, m. Earl Williams. 2. Sylvia May, b. May 20, 1934, m. Frederick Curtis. 3. Lillian Ruth, b. Oct. 1, 1935, m. Alvin Fisher. 4. Patricia Ann, b. Jan. 24, 1936, m. Kenneth Lynde. 5. Charles Raymond A., b. Dec. 16, 1938.

GREENWOOD, James E., b. England, April 6, 1872, s. of John and Elizabeth (Ernshaw) Greenwood, m. Jane Howard, b. Nov. 3, 1879, dau. of Mathew and Catherine (Blevin) Howard, in Springfield, June 9, 1915. m.h. July 1937. Designer, Glendale Elastic Fabrics Co., Easthampton, Retired.

GRISWOLD, Ronald E., b. Montague, Nov. 11, 1937, s. of Albert J. and Catherine Dorothy Griswold, m. Norma Grover, b. April 26, 1939, dau. of Walter and Rena Burr (Deni-

son) Grover, in Brattleboro, Dec. 4, 1959. m.h. 1960. Printer.

GROVER, Clifford Bernard, b. Bernardston, Sept. 4, 1923, s. of Joseph Landon and Mabel Anne (Taft) Grover, m. Isabell Lura Stone, b. Feb. 26, 1928, dau. of Fred Emerson and Lura Maude (Buttrick) Stone, July 6, 1947, in Northfield. Chauffeur-Laborer, D. P. W. Comm. of Mass. Constable. Tree Warden. c. 1. Donna Marie, b. Aug. 23, 1951. 2. Marcia Anne, b. Apr. 11, 1954. 3. Clifford Bernard, Jr., b. Aug. 13, 1955. 4. Lloyd Landon, b. Aug. 2, 1957. 5. Reginald Fred, b. Dec. 9, 1959.

GROVER, Howard J., b. Barnardston, Oct. 25, 1916, s. of Joseph and Mabel Anne (Taft) Grover, m. Evelyn Mae Deane, b. Oct. 19, 1924, dau. of Ralph and Rena Mae (Hale) Deane, ggp. Charles* and Mary L. (Sprague) Deane,* and Warren* and Jennie (Thayer) Hale,* and Benjamin* and Lura Hale,* in Bernardston, 1943. Farmer and Elementary School Bus Driver. Assessor. c. 1. Patricia, b. June 3, 1944. 2. Philip, b. Nov. 1, 1945. 3. Paul, b. Feb. 12, 1949. 4. Prudence Ann, b. June 28, 1952.

GROVER, Walter C., b. Brattleboro, Vt., Nov. 2, 1903, s. of Joseph L. and Mabel (Taft) Grover, m. Rena Burr Denison, b. Feb. 16, 1905, dau. of Fred B.* and Julia (Hulbert)* Denison, gp. Lieut. Ebenezer Sheldon Hulbert,* in Greenfield, 1929. m.h. 1912. Farmer. Selectman. Children:

1. Walter C., Jr., b. Sept. 13, 1929, m. Patriciann Covey, b. Mar. 16, 1936, dau. of Wendell and Ruth Nellie (Underwood) Covey, in Brattleboro, Vt., Oct. 18, 1953. Truck Driver and Salesman. c. 1. Steven Walter, b. Mar. 7, 1957. 2. Kevin Wendell, b. Sept.

23, 1958. 3. Pamela Jean, b. Sept. 23, 1959.

2. Rodney, T., b. Apr. 5, 1933, m. Eunice D. Deane, b. Feb. 11, 1934, dau. of Ralph and Rena (Hale) Deane, ggp. Charles* and Mary L. (Sprague)* Deane, ggp. Warren* and Jennie (Thayer)* Hale, ggp. Benjamin* and Lura Hale,* in Bernardston, Oct. 30, 1955. Carpenter. Wife: Emp. G.T.D. Office.
3. Gerald, b. July 16, 1934, m. Janice Everett, b. Oct. 29, 1935, dau. of George F. and Barbara (Lamont) Everett, in Bernardston, April 21, 1956. Bookkeeper. c. 1. Jennifer Arlene, b. 1958. 2. Gretchen Elizabeth, b. 1960.
4. Joyce Elaine, b. Dec. 15, 1937, m. Robert E. Page.
5. Norma Helen, b. Apr. 26, 1939, m. Ronald E. Griswold.
6. Cynthia Julia, b. Aug. 4, 1941.

GRUSZKOWSKI, Stefania, b. Poland, Dec. 26, 1885, dau. of Marcie & Marya (Husho) Bogus, m. John G. Gruszkowski, s. of Martin Gruszkowski in New Britain, Conn., Nov. 8, 1909. m.h. 1911. He d. May 8, 1946. c. 1. Anna, b. Sept. 25, 1910. 2. Helen, b. Feb. 21, 1912. 3. Julia, b. Feb. 2, 1914. 4. Sophie, b. Dec. 26, 1916. 5. Mary, b. Jan. 9, 1918. 6. Walter, b. Feb. 11, 1921. 7. Nellie, b. July 7, 1923. 8. Jennie, b. Dec. 24, 1925. 9. Irene, b. Feb. 10, 1931.

HADLEY, Collin L., b. Bath, N. H., May 12, 1894, s. of Henry B. and Mary Boyd (Muir) Hadley, m. 1. Leone McClary, born New York State. She d. Sept. 8, 1939. m. 2. Marion E. Whitney, b. Apr. 24, 1913, dau. of Arthur and Anna (Woodard) Whitney (Willmon), in Bernardston, 1945. m.h. 1937. Machinist, Threadwell T. & D. Co. c. 1. Audrey, b. 1925. 2. Valerie, b. 1927.

HALE, Almon A., b. Bernardston, Sept. 21, 1887, s. of Benjamin F. and Lura G. (Hale)* Hale.* Farmer.

HALE, Benton Burton, b. Bernardston, Dec. 2, 1889, s. of Benjamin* and Lura G. Hale,* m. Amelia Blanchard, b. Sept. 29, 1891, dau. of Sarah A. Blanchard, in Vernon, Vt., 1911. Farmer. c. 1. Donald B., b. Aug. 28, 1912. 2. Madelene G., b. Jan. 31, 1918. 3. Ida A., b. July 7, 1919.

HALE, Cyrus L., b. Bernardston, Apr. 7, 1880, s. of Benjamin F.* and Lura G. (Hale) Hale,* m. 1. Edith Nye, dau. of Landman and Oranda (Field) Nye, in Hinsdale, 1905. She d. 1948. m. 2. Bertha Albertine (Scheller) Carleton, dau. of Peter O. and Johanna (Krauth) Scheller of La Crosse, Wis., in Brattleboro, Vt., 1957. Farmer.

HALE, Harry, b. Bernardston, Aug. 26, 1884, s. of Benjamin* and Lura (Hale) Hale,* m. Gertrude (Severance) Harris, dau. of Charles Severance, widow of Ora Harris. Retired Farmer. Wife's c. 1. Florence Harris, m. Robert LeVitre. 2. Elsie Harris, m. Raymond Clark. 3. Alfred Harris. 4. Edna Harris, m. Luman Barber.

HALE, Mrs. Hazel, b. Gill, 1908, dau. of Luther Hastings and Lottie (Hale) Hastings, m. Dayton Hale, b. Dec. 7, 1908, s. of Frank and Ida (Hale) Hale, gp. Warren* and Jennie (Thayer)* Hale, gp. Benjamin* and Lura Hale,* in Bernardston, 1932. m.h. 1939. Divorced. Children:

1. Barbara Louise, b. 1932, m. Robert Phelps.
2. Kenneth Arthur, b. 1935, m. Joyce Augusta, b. Jan. 13, 1938, dau. of Edw. C. and Nellie (James) Pierce, in Bernardston, Sept. 1959. Emp. Franklin Tree Expert Co.

3. Janet Irene, b. 1938, m. H. C. Gregorio.

4. Francis Philip, b. 1942.

HALE, Mrs. Ida, b. Bernardston, July 23, 1887, dau. of Warren and Jennie (Thayer)* Hale,* m. Frank A. Hale, b. Bernardston, Jan. 11, 1886, s. of Benjamin F.* and Lura Gertrude (Hale)* Hale, in Vernon, Vt., 1906. He d. May 1, 1960. Children:

1. Rena May, b. 1907, m. Ralph Deane.
2. Dayton Frank, b. Dec. 7, 1908, m. Edith (Hall) Bassett, b. Dec. 6, 1917, dau. of George W. and Mary (Ryan) Hall. Truck Driver and Bulldozer Operator. c. 1. Dean Bassett, b. 1942. 2. Kathryn Bassett, b. 1948, and 3. Robert F. Bassett, b. 1953, wife's children by previous marriage. 4. Dayton Arthur, b. 1959.
3. Clayton Benjamin, b. 1910.
4. Ada Marion, b. 1914, m. Howard Raymond.
5. Harold Arthur, b. Oct. 19, 1917, m. Gertrude I. Clark, b. Jan. 26, 1918, dau. of Francis and Henrietta E. (Hubbard) Clark, gp. Henry D. Clark,* ggp. Darwin Clark,* in Guilford, Vt., 1939. Welder, B. & M. R. R. c. 1. Marilyn Louise, b. Oct. 31, 1945.
6. Elliot Milton, b. Feb. 20, 1919, m. Barbara E. Freese, b. Mar. 24, 1919, dau. of Louis B. and Mary Emma (Tetreault) Freese, in Greenfield, Sept. 1, 1941. c. 1. Margaret Ada, b. April 27, 1951.

HALE, Russell R., b. Bernardston, June 26, 1891, s. of Benjamin F.* and Lura G. Hale,* m. Clara E. Joslyn, b. Feb. 20, 1896, dau. of William and Alice A. (Waterman) Joslyn, in Bernardston, June 26, 1917. Farmer-Herdsman. c. 1. Esther I., b. Sept. 10, 1919, m. Clarence Webber,

resides Northfield. c. 2. Florence A., b. June 1, 1921, m. Charles Phelps, resides Warwick. 3. Russell R., Jr., b. Aug. 4, 1926.

HALE, Warren M., b. Bernardston, Nov. 15, 1908, s. of Lucian and Clara (Hastings) Hale, gp. Warren* and Jennie (Thayer)* Hale, ggggp. Chieab Hale,* m. Madelene Hale, b. Jan. 31, 1918, dau. of Benton and Amelia (Blanchard) Hale, in Bernardston, Oct. 22, 1936. c. 1. Noreen, b. June 23, 1938. 2. Neil, b. June 14, 1941.

HARRIS, Richard David, b. Lunenburg, Vt., June 5, 1922, s. of Laurie L. and Beatrice (Brown) (Harris) Berg, m. Carolyn Rikert, b. Mar. 6, 1923, dau. of Reuben and Iantha (Coffin) Rikert, in Northfield, 1947. m.h. 1947. Grocer. Water Commissioner. c. 1. Sandra Lee, b. 1948. 2. Marsha Carol, b. 1950. 3. Thomas Richard, b. 1955.

HART, Carl W., b. Manchester, N. H., July 25, 1910, s. of Carl W. and Gladys (Badger) Hart, m. Lillian Dares, b. June 12, 1916, dau. of Bert and Lillian Dares, in Bedford, 1934. m.h. 1946. Truck Driver, Threadwell Tap & Die Co. c. 1. Carl W. Hart, b. Mar. 9, 1935.

HARTWELL, Harold, b. Springfield, Oct. 4, 1927, s. of Harold and Edith E. (Richardson) Hartwell, m. Rachel G. Kemp, b. July 30, 1932, dau. of Earl and Emma R. (Lively) Kemp, in Greenfield, 1947. m.h. 1959. Farmer. c. 1. Donald, b. 1948. 2. Linda, b. 1949. 3. Lou Ann, b. 1953. 4. Debra, b. 1956. 5. Douglas, b. 1960.

HARWOOD, Guy D., b. Brattleboro, Vt., July 21, 1906, s. of Guy F. and Iva (Waterman) Harwood, m. Ruth Crossin, b. Dec. 8, 1915, dau. of Thomas and Mary (Risley) Crossin,

in Brattleboro, Vt., 1941. m.h. 1947. Shipping Clerk, Millers Falls Co. c. 1. Robin C., b. 1943. 2. Linda A., b. 1947. 3. Lorraine S., b. 1948.

HASKELL, Clifford Henry, b. Ballston Spa, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1925, s. of William and Bessie Louisa (Carey) Haskell, m. Pauline Berthiaume, b. July 27, 1931, dau. of Armand and Eva Pholemine (Dure) Berthiaume, in Turners Falls, 1955. m.h. 1958. Butcher, Streeter Slaughter House. c. 1. Wanita Lee, b. July 12, 1956. 2. William Armand, b. Sept. 5, 1957. 3. Naomi Sue, b. Feb. 25, 1960.

HASKELL, Donald D., b. Sunderland, May 20, 1925, s. of Clarence M. and Florence B. (Dudley) Haskell, m. Carol R. Hamberg, b. Sept. 24, 1930, dau. of Henderick and Sylvia F. (Dickinson) Hamberg, in Granby, Conn., 1955. m.h. 1955. Partner, C. M. Haskell & Sons. c. 1. Karen, b. 1956. 2. Susan, b. 1957. 3. Diane, b. 1959.

HASTINGS, Ernest M., b. Greenfield, Oct. 21, 1941, s. of Warren and Edith (Shedd) Hastings, gp. Richard F. and Fanny May (Martindale)* Shedd, ggp. Edward C. and Mary (Sandin)* Martindale,* gggp. William and Abby Sandin,* m. Lee Anne Corkins, b. Feb. 25, 1941, dau. of Linus and Barbara (Farina) Corkins in Bernardston, 1960. m.h. 1960. Tree Surgeon.

HERRICK, Mrs. Lucie S., b. Mont Vernon, N. H., Nov. 21, 1886, dau. of David and Eugenia (Brooks) Stiles, m. Willis Herrick, b. Mar. 29, 1887, s. of Charles and Alice (Hubbard) Herrick, in Wilton, N. H., 1907. He d. April 1, 1946. m.h. 1921. Children:

1. Roy Stiles, b. Lyndeboro, N. H., July 29, 1911, m. 1. Georgianna Nelson, b. Aug. 20, 1912, dau. of Walter and Nellie (Donnelly) Nelson, in Bernardston, Oct. 12,

1935. She d. 1950. m. 2. Dorothy Totman, b. April 6, 1910, dau. of Francis and Burrell (Smith) Totman, in Greenfield, 1951. Truck Driver. Wife: Retired Teacher.

2. Charles W., b. Lyndeboro, N. H., Sept. 4, 1920, m. Genevieve Denison, b. Nov. 30, 1918, dau. of Melvin and Nettie (Davis) Denison, gp. Aretus L. Denison* and John E.* and Jane (Tower) Davis,* in Bernardston, 1942. Lumber business. c. 1. Walter, b. 1943. 2. Norman, b. 1945. 3. Lillian, b. 1946.

HILL, W. Gilbert, b. Barre, Vt., March 15, 1900, s. of Henry and Emma (Kelly) Hill, m. Sadie Longmore, b. Oct. 10, 1899, dau. of John and Susanna (Parke) Longmore in Hardwick, 1920. m.h. 1931. Carpenter. c. 1. Ina Margaret, b. 1930. 2. Kenneth James, b. 1932.

HODGES, Arthur Thomas, b. Ellensburg, Wash., Sept. 15, 1903, s. of Thomas K. and Rose Anna (Hansel) Hodges, m. Doris Tubbs, b. Sept. 2, 1910, dau. of Lawrence and Ida Florence (Bush) Tubbs, in Charlestown, Dec. 25, 1934. m.h. 1950. Commander, U.S.N. (Ret.). Dairy Farmer. c. 1. Camilla Meredith, b. June 27, 1936, m. G. Victor Guinness.

HOWARD, Kenneth W., b. Fitchburg, Mass., April 19, 1905, s. of Walter and Elizabeth (Worth) Howard, m. Alice M. Townsend, b. April 17, 1906, dau. of Frank A. and Annie (Johnson) Townsend, in Bernardston, 1930. m.h. 1914. Machinist, United Greenfield Corp. c. 1. Calvin Ray, b. Sept. 15, 1932.

HOWE, Carl J., b. Clinton, Mass., Feb. 11, 1928, s. of Raymond and Mary (Robachaud) (Howe) Novak, m. Carolyn Forbes, b. Aug. 5, 1932, dau. of Clarence L. Forbes and Ethel

(Miner) Forbes, in Turners Falls, Feb. 4, 1956. m.h. Feb. 1958. Construction Worker, Lane Construction Co., Inc. c. 1. Debora Jean, b. Oct. 31, 1956. 2. Carla Lynn, and 3. Carl Jerome, twins, b. Aug. 27, 1958. 4. Richard Wayne, b. Oct. 17, 1959. 5. Stephen Wayne, b. Nov. 9, 1961.

HUGHES, Robert A., b. Brandon, Vt., Apr. 14, 1884, s. of Ellis and Prudence (Fosby) Hughes, m. Maria Blakesly Wyman, b. June 14, 1891, dau. of Frank and Inda Wyman, in Westfield, 1916. m.h. 1943. Retired, Poultry Business. c. 1. Richard, b. Feb. 28, 1917, d. 2. Inda M., b. Feb. 1918, m. Oliver Smith. 3. Robert L., b. Jan. 31, 1925.

HUME, William Henry, Jr., b. Bellows Falls, Vt., Oct. 21, 1927, s. of William H., Sr., and Alice May (Bullock) Hume, m. Edith Louise Root, b. July 28, 1931, dau. of Henry O. and Iva Louise (Brooks) Root, gp. Warren H.* and Elizabeth C. (Hale)* Root, in Bernardston, 1952. m.h. 1953. Service Mgr. c. 1. William Henry, III, and 2. Mary Louise, twins, b. 1953. 3. Michael John, b. 1956.

HUMES, Walter C., b. Greenfield, April 5, 1889, s. of Edward W. and Ida L. (Caldwell) Humes, m. Ruth H. Nevins, b. Aug. 31, 1891, dau. of Justin S. and Ella (Hastings) Nevins, in Bernardston, 1911. m.h. 1911. Emp. Luey & Abercrombie, Greenfield.

HURLBURT, Everett, b. Ansonia, Conn., Oct. 8, 1909, s. of G. R. and Annie Jane (Owen) Hurlburt, m. Cora M. Stanley, b. July 21, 1912, dau. of Norman B. and Myra Curtis (Waters) Stanley, in Clarks Summit, Pa., in 1939. m.h. 1952. Farming & Creamery. c. 1. Cora Jane, b. 1940. 2. Everett William, b. 1942. 3. Ver-

non Thomas, b. 1948. 4. Allyn David, b. 1950.

HUTCHINSON, Wesley R., b. Greenfield, Oct. 16, 1921, s. of Raymond A. and Ruth (Bragg) Hutchinson, m. Dorothy A. Hoyle, b. Dec. 9, 1917, dau. of George H. and Elizabeth (Innes) Hoyle, in Keene, N. H., Oct. 28, 1946. m.h. 1951. Emp. Millers Falls Paper Co. c. 1. Rodney R. Pillard, b. Apr. 27, 1942, wife's c. by previous marriage. 2. Renée A. Pillard, b. Mar. 14, 1943, wife's c. by previous marriage. 3. Wesley R., b. July 14, 1947. 4. Glenn R., b. June 29, 1949. 5. Randall A., b. Oct. 7, 1953. 6. Lori D., b. July 8, 1957.

JACKSON, Floyd Arthur, b. Montague, Mar. 1908, s. of Harry and Mary Ellen (Kennedy) Jackson, m. Margaret Annie Jillson, b. Apr. 1912, dau. of Adin Hervey and Georgia May (Donelson) Jillson, in Fitchburg, 1940. m.h. 1948. Emp. Smead Lumber Co., Vernon, Vt. c. 1. Rebecca Gray, b. Sept. 1941. 2. Raymond Floyd, b. May 1943. 3. Dorothy Elizabeth, b. Aug. 1944. 4. Robert Arthur, b. Oct. 1946.

JOHNSON, Frederic E., b. W. Brattleboro, Vt., Dec. 25, 1924, s. of Oscar B. and Gertrude (Bailey) Johnson, m. Ruth Pratt, b. Jan. 15, 1928, dau. of Clifford and Reta (Flanders) Pratt, in Mt. Holly, Vt., in 1947. m.h. 1959. Custodian, Mt. Hermon School. c. 1. James Wendell, b. Mar. 5, 1949. 2. Rita Ellen, b. Mar. 10, 1954.

JONES, Isabel C., dau. of Austin W. and Clara (Brooks) Roel, m. Elroy E. Jones, in Brattleboro, Vt., October 1907. m.h. 1951. Housewife. c. 1. Marguerite R., m. George Wood.

KEENAN, Paul J., b. Chelsea, March 19, 1929, s. of William F. and Mary J. (Rourke) Keenan, m. Roberta Lundberg, b. Oct. 26, 1933, dau. of

Edward and Edith M. (Korp) Lundberg, in Hanson, 1956. m.h. 1960. Salesman. c. 1. William B., b. 1958. 2. Nancy J., b. 1960.

KEMP, Earle Raymond, b. Colrain, March 18, 1915, s. of Earle Clemens and Emma Roseanna (Lively) Kemp, m. Marion Goodspeed, b. Jan. 18, 1917, dau. of Ray Holmes and Hulda King (Hall) Goodspeed, in Dennis, Aug. 23, 1935. m.h. 1944. Emp. Shanahan Trucking Co., Woburn, Mass. c. 1. Erlene Hall, b. Dec. 27, 1936, d. Feb. 15, 1944. 2. Raymond Holmes, b. Jan. 2, 1938. 3. Albert Lee, b. July 18, 1941. 4. Kenneth Orrin, b. Aug. 20, 1946.

KENNEY, George H., Jr., b. Athol, Nov. 8, 1926, s. of George H. and Anna (Lucier) Kenney, m. Vera C. Regali, b. June 10, 1924, dau. of Joseph and Ophelia (Buratti) Regali, in Greenfield, April 30, 1955. m.h. 1955. Manufacturers' Representative. Member Bernardston Finance Committee.

KIMMENS, Richard H., b. Brattleboro, Vt., Dec. 5, 1920, s. of Amos Percy and Elizabeth Augusta (Smith) Kimmens, m. Ruth Smith, b. July 13, 1927, dau. of Charles and Grace Ann (Cook) Smith in Montague 1946. m.h. 1954. Tool Maker.

KIMPLIN, Charles E., b. Bernardston, Jan. 23, 1896, s. of Henry and Mary E. (Granger) Kimplin, m. Jennie Clark (Coe), b. May 19, 1901, dau. of Terry J.* and Nellie E. (Johnson) Clark, in Vernon, Vt. Emp. Dept. of Public Works, Commonwealth of Mass. c. 1. Mildred E. Coe, b. June 26, 1920 (Wife's Child by previous marriage). 2. Florence E., b. Dec. 1, 1926. 3. Gladys G., b. Jan. 30, 1930. 4. Robert E., b. Feb. 24, 1933. 5. Arthur A., b. May 27, 1935. 6. Alvin E., b. May 20, 1937. 7. Frances M., b. July 8, 1939.

KMIEC, Joseph J., b. Bernardston, July 8, 1921, s. of Frank and Mary (Kozik) Kmiec. Paper Maker.

KOCIAN, William E., b. Loma, Nebr., May 27, 1907, s. of Joseph and Josephine (Sedlak) Kocian, m. Eleanor Olsen, b. Feb. 15, 1914, dau. of Geo. and Florence (Garrett) Olsen, in Plattsburgh, Nebr., Sept. 11, 1937. m.h. 1940. Emp. Millers Falls Tool Co.; Owner, Registered Jersey Dairy Farm. c. 1. Richard Lee, b. Jan. 1, 1939. 2. Raymond L., b. June 27, 1948.

KORNSTADT, Mrs. Effie S., b. Holliston, Mass., dau. of Frank and Mary (Crowell) Fairbanks. m.h. 1954. Elementary School Teacher.

KOZIK, Karoline, b. Meliec, Poland, Aug. 4, 1895, dau. of Joseph and Sophie (Chisla) Kozik. m.h. 1914. Housekeeper.

KRATZ, Newton S., b. Saratoga Spa, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1890, s. of Henry and Nellie E. (Potter) Kratz, m. Charlotte Gillette, b. Mar. 20, 1894, dau. of Frank and Amnis Emmaline (Estes) Gillette, in Albany, N. Y., 1914. m.h. 1930. Manager, Grain Store. c. 1. Earl Newton, b. June 7, 1915. 2. Ruth Eleanor, b. Jan. 7, 1919, m. William E. Petrin. 3. Robert Harold, b. July 8, 1929.

LaPLANTE, Ernest B., Jr., b. Brattleboro, Vt., May 11, 1928, s. of Ernest and Louise (Hale) LaPlante Taylor, m. Gloria McKenzie, b. Oct. 7, 1930, dau. of Ralph and Katherine (Rose) McKenzie, in Brattleboro, 1948. m.h. 1944. Brakeman, B. & M. R. R. c. 1. Barbara, b. 1949. 2. Peter, b. 1954. 3. Kathleen, b. 1959.

LaVALLEY, Albert Napoleon, b. Guilford, Vt., July 7, 1912, s. of Napoleon and Melinda (Bush) LaValley, m. Gladys Etta, b. Oct. 9, 1913,

dau. of Herbert Loren and Mary Elizabeth (Granger) Ryther, gggp. Lt. David Ryther* in Bernardston, 1933. He d. Feb. 24, 1934. Children:

1. Jeanette Marilyn, b. Oct. 13, 1933, m. Ralph W. Packard, Pittsfield, 3 children.
2. Albert Gene, b. Northfield, Nov. 14, 1934, m. Donna M. Greenier, b. Sept. 10, 1934, dau. of Forest P. and Faye E. (McNeal) Greenier, at McGuire A.F.B., 1957. m.h. 1934. Farmer. c. 1. Michelle Jean, b. 1958. 2. Albert Gene, II, b. 1959.

LaVALLEY, William G., b. Conway, May 28, 1894, s. of Napoleon and Melinda (Bush) LaValley, m. Laura Vincent, b. Oct. 23, 1894, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Goyette) Vincent, in Bernardston, Sept. 20, 1932. Retired Farmer.

LEE, Edgar P., Jr., b. So. Deerfield, Feb. 20, 1908, s. of Edgar P. and Alice (Daffon) Lee, m. Bertha M. Ryther, b. July 25, 1910, dau. of Herbert and Mary E. (Granger) Ryther, gp. Loren H. Ryther,* in Greenfield, 1936. m.h. 1948. Laborer-Agriculture. c. 1. Roger Edgar, b. Oct. 24, 1939.

LENOIS, Donald Ralph, b. Montague, Feb. 5, 1928, s. of Ralph F. and Josephine (Brozo) Lenois, m. Agnes Bouchard, b. Jan. 13, 1930, dau. of Zepherin and Alice (Hobson) Bouchard, in Turners Falls, 1948. m.h. 1952. Machine Operator. c. 1. Virginia, b. 1949. 2. Carol, b. 1952. 3. Raymond, b. 1954. 4. Lorene, b. 1958.

LEONARD, Clyde Burton, b. South Barre, Vt., Nov. 28, 1902, s. of Burton and Elizabeth (Lucia) Leonard, m. Laura Lee Bush, b. Evanston, Ill., June 5, 1905, dau. of Noel Mack and Edith Grosvenor (Rogers) Bush (Rogers family is descended from

Thomas Lee, uncle of Robert E. Lee) in Shelburne, 1951. m.h. 1956. Dairy Farmer. Wife's children by first marriage: 1. Jack Berry Porterfield, Jr. 2. Edith Grosvenor Porterfield, m. Ernest Charles Miller.

LETOURNEAU, George H., b. Bronx, N. Y., Aug. 26, 1938, s. of George and Helen (Stacheleck) Letourneau, m. Margaret Drew, b. June 13, 1937, dau. of Kenneth and Marion (Taft) Drew, in Winchester, N. H. m.h. 1945. Construction laborer. c. 1. Donald Alan, b. Dec. 5, 1958.

LIVERMORE, Ralph, b. West Newton, Apr. 30, 1904, s. of Warren E. and Stella (Thompson) Livermore, m. Edna Bruce, b. July 5, 1910, dau. of Harry and Mary Bruce, in Maine, 1933. She d. 1960. m.h. 1926. Garage operator. c. 1. Shirley, b. Dec. 1, 1934, m. Ernest Girardin.

MacNEILL, Frederic, b. N. Scituate, July 9, 1906, s. of John N. and Helen (Nudd) MacNeill, m. Marie Graumann, b. 1895, dau. of Samuel and Maria Graumann, in Jamaica Plains, 1934. Plumber, B. & M. R. R. c. 1. David F., b. Oct. 3, 1938.

MAGOON, Delmar Peaslee, b. West Topsham, Vt., June 7, 1911, s. of Arthur Richard and Bessie M. (Peaslee) Magoon, m. Dorothy A. King, b. Dec. 17, 1919, dau. of Frank A. and Marion S. (MacArthur) King, in Bernardston, 1941. m.h. 1920. Circulation Mgr., Greenfield Recorder-Gazette. School Comm., Cushman Hall Comm., Powers Institute Trustee. Wife: Registered Nurse. c. 1. Charles Frederick, b. 1943. 2. Donna Jean, b. 1946.

MARBLE, James H., b. Gill, Jan. 18, 1922, s. of Walter and Esther (Canedy) Marble, m. Irene Foley, b. May 24, 1926, dau. of Jeremiah and Christine (Lilly) Foley, in Greenfield.

m.h. 1947. Machine Operator, Threadwell Tap & Die Co. c. 1. Donald James, b. 1944.

MARBLE, Mrs. Winifred, b. Nov. 13, 1930, dau. of Raymond and Christine (Lilly) Cross, m. E. Douglas Marble, b. Oct. 6, 1926, s. of Walter and Esther (Canedy) Marble, in Greenfield, 1953. He d. June 13, 1958. m.h. 1954. Registered Nurse. c. 1. Carol Beverly, b. July 22, 1954. 2. Edward, b. May 5, 1957, d. May 6, 1957.

MARCOTTE, Ralph G., b. Charleston, Vt., Sept. 12, 1909, s. of Frederick and Lena May (Wood) Marcotte, m. Mildred Scott, b. June 16, 1918, dau. of Charles and Beatrice (Boulette) Scott, in Waterbury, Vt., Dec. 5, 1936. m.h. 1947. Carpenter, George H. Reed, Contractor. c. 1. Bernice A., b. Apr. 3, 1938. 2. Charlotte E., b. Feb. 8, 1940. 3. Janice E., b. Jan. 12, 1945.

MARSHALL, Alphonso G., b. Craftsbury, Vt., Sept. 11, 1904, s. of Reuben J. and Luella (Garvin) Marshall, m. Louise Thayer, b. Mar. 17, 1909, dau. of Theo and Maude White (Baker) Thayer, in Williamstown, Oct. 28, 1930. m.h. 1933. Truck Driver & Salesman, Wirthmore Feed Co. Child:

1. Harry Charles, b. Greenfield, Oct. 18, 1936, m. Alice Deane, dau. of Ralph and Rena Mae (Hale) Deane, ggp. Charles* and Mary L. (Sprague)* Deane, Warren & Jennie (Thayer) Hale* and Benj. & Lura Hale,* in Bernardston, 1956. Bookkeeper, Wirthmore Feeds, Brattleboro, Vt.

MARTIN, Ora R., b. Leyden, Sept. 20, 1886, s. of Joseph and Mary (Briggs) Martin, m. 1. Grace James of Medford, June 2, 1910. She d. Sept.

21, 1936. m. 2. Adeline Sirosuki, b. Feb. 25, 1907, dau. of Adam and Pauline (Pogoda) Sirosuki, in Bernardston, Sept. 7, 1938. Custodian, Streeter's Store. m.h. 1910. c. 1. Henry Russell, b. July 26, 1911. 2. Leslie Arthur, b. March 7, 1914. 3. Marion Evelyn, b. June 7, 1916, m. Alcide Brazeau. 4. Robert Joseph, b. May 19, 1921. 5. Lillian Bertha, b. April 18, 1923, m. Wm. Dalton. 6. Ruth Irene, b. Jan. 22, 1926, d. Jan. 26, 1926.

McCREA, James C., b. Gill, July 29, 1912, s. of Arthur L. and Edith (Chapleau) McCrea, m. Beatrice Snow, b. April 12, 1920, dau. of Edward D. and Allene (Newton) Snow, in Bernardston, Jan. 21, 1945. m.h. 1946. Maintenance Dept., Public Works Comm. of Mass. c. 1. Gordon E., b. June 25, 1947. 2. Linda, b. May 13, 1951.

McGANN, Donald S., b. Montague, July 9, 1926, s. of Robert A. and Mary (Stevenson) (McGann) Wood, m. Catherine Petty, b. Jan. 12, 1930, dau. of Frank and Julia (Sheldon) Petty, in Stamford, Conn., July 5, 1952. m.h. 1960. Career Navy Man. U. S. Naval Recruiting Officer, Post Office, Greenfield. c. 1. Donald S., Jr., b. Jan. 27, 1956. 2. Robert Francis, b. April 26, 1959.

McGRATH, Kenneth, b. Wendell Depot, May 23, 1922, s. of Robert and Bertha (Perry) McGrath, m. Mary Fitzgerald, b. Feb. 18, 1931, dau. of Lewis and Louise E. (Greuling) Fitzgerald, in Greenfield, Jan. 12, 1952. m.h. 1954. Mechanic. c. 1. Sandra Jean, b. April 11, 1956. 2. Terry Lynn, b. Feb. 4, 1960.

MERZ, Karl F., b. Greenfield, Oct. 16, 1920, s. of Frederick C. and Hazel May (Coates) Merz, m. Mary E. Streeter, b. Oct. 15, 1924, dau. of Harold S. and Ethel I. (Cairns)*

Streeter, gp. Erwin M. Streeter* in Bernardston, 1945. m.h. 1948. Salesman and Truck Driver, Luey & Abercrombie, Greenfield. c. 1. Dale Frederick, b. March 26, 1947. 2. Karl August, b. Oct. 9, 1950.

MESSER, William E., b. Ludlow, Vt., March 9, 1885, s. of Elwin and Helen (Jones) Messer, m. Gladys Cranson, b. Nov. 20, 1902, dau. of George and Abbie (Beals) Cranson, in Greenfield. m.h. 1919. Machinist, Millers Falls Tool Co. Children:

1. William S., b. June 19, 1923, m. Patricia Perry, b. Oct. 25, 1938, dau. of Albert and Thelma (Carlton) Perry, in Wallingford, Vt., 1957. Teacher, Pioneer Valley Regional School. c. 1. William S., Jr., b. 1958. 2. Thomas Carlton, b. 1959.
2. Robert Calvin, b. March 13, 1925, m. Rachel E. Newton, b. May 7, 1930, dau. of Henry* and Ruth Lillian (Parmenter) Newton, gp. Galusha P.* and Juliaette (Streeter)* Newton, gp. George W.* and Mabel (Pierce) Parmenter,* in Bernardston, 1950. Electrical Maintenance, Western Mass. Elec. Co. c. 1. Donald Robert, b. Feb. 4, 1953. 2. Jeanette Elaine, b. May 24, 1956.
3. Jean, b. 1926, m. James McComb.
4. David G., b. 1928, m. Constance M. Glazier, b. 1938, dau. of Cecil and Katherine Glazier, in No. Leverett, 1958. Locomotive Fireman. c. 1. Stephen Douglas, b. 1959.
5. June, b. 1929, m. Robert Kratz.
6. Frederick A., b. 1931.

MIDDLETON, Leonard, b. Bethel, Vt., Aug. 22, 1906, s. of Robert and Susan (Williams) Middleton, m. Marjorie Bell, b. May 21, 1911, dau. of Louie K. and Lila Belle (Hastings)

Bell, gp. Franklin I. Bell,* one time pastor of Bernardston Methodist Church, in Vernon, Vt., 1956. m.h. 1957. Night Watchman, Eaglebrook School, Deerfield. Wife's children by previous marriage. 1. Ernest H. Jillson, Jr., b. June 25, 1940. 2. Robert A. Jillson, b. Jan. 29, 1944. 3. Linda F. Jillson, b. July 20, 1948.

MILLER, Fred R., b. Palmer, Oct. 16, 1897, s. of Adrian and Ella Moria (Kempton) Miller, m. Evelyn Nelson, b. June 5, 1902, dau. of George H. Nelson and Gertrude F. (Martin) Nelson, in Bernardston, Aug. 6, 1924. m.h. 1908. Farmer. Wife: Substitute Teacher. c. 1. Catherine G., b. Sept. 8, 1928, m. William Barker. 2. Adrian N., b. Oct. 29, 1932.

MORGAN, John P., b. Boston, Jan. 17, 1906, s. of John P. and Sarah J. (Spear) Morgan, m. Evelyn M. Johnson, b. Feb. 19, 1910, dau. of August and Thilda M. Johnson, in Boston, 1934. m.h. 1950. Insurance Agent. c. 1. John P., Jr., b. 1940. 2. Roy S., b. 1944. 3. Shirley M., b. 1947.

MUMBLO, Robert Wm., b. Middlebury, Vt., Dec. 14, 1934, s. of Claude and Violet (Barry) Mumblo, m. Nancy Mae Bosworth, b. Oct. 21, 1933, dau. of Hartley and Flora Mae (Martin) Bosworth, in Greenfield, Dec. 14, 1952. m.h. 1956. Service Station Mgr. c. 1. Rebecca Ann, b. Aug. 6, 1954. 2. David William, b. May 12, 1957. 3. Robin Jean, b. May 19, 1959. 4. Natalie Mae, b. July 9, 1960.

NEBELSKI, John, b. Guilford, Vt., April 14, 1921, s. of Nicholas and Anna (Lemek) Nebelski, m. Mildred LaValley, b. Sept. 22, 1925, dau. of Oliver and Elizabeth (LaValley) LaValley, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1947. m.h. 1958. Carpenter. c. 1. John, Jr., b. Sept. 14, 1948. 2. Loraine, b. Oct. 10, 1951.

NEFF, Charles K., b. Bernardston, Aug. 28, 1924, s. of Charles E. and Ada J. (Woodard) Neff, m. Phyllis Burns, b. Jan. 6, 1926, dau. of Winfred C. and Eva V. (Dame) Burns, in Greenfield, July 5, 1945. Process Inspector, G.T.D. c. 1. Charles E., b. May 30, 1959. 2. Thomas A., b. Aug. 16, 1960.

NELSON, Herbert, b. Colrain, July 18, 1894, s. of George and Gertrude (Martin) Nelson, m. Beetrice (Shaw) Brown, b. Feb. 26, 1898, dau. of Ellsworth and Eda (Tinney) Shaw, in Pittstown, N. Y., 1928. m.h. 1904. Emp. Railway Express Agency, Retired. c. 1. Beulah Brown, b. May 13, 1922, wife's child by previous marriage, m. Francis Denison. 2. Darwin Brown, b. Jan. 12, 1924, wife's c. by previous marriage, d. in Service. 3. Arthur Brown, b. Dec. 16, 1925, wife's c. by previous marriage. 4. George, b. Feb. 27, 1930. 5. Ann, b. June 28, 1933, m. George Cook. 6. Paul, b. Apr. 19, 1935. 7. Marilyn, b. March 18, 1937, m. Roger F. Carey. 8. Charles, b. March 11, 1939.

NELSON, Leon F., b. Bernardston, Mar. 17, 1876, s. of Moses R.* and Georgianna (Streeter)* Nelson, m. Abbie J. Cairns, b. Aug. 18, 1872, dau. of Robert and Mary (Smith) Cairns, in Orange, Dec. 3, 1902. Retired R.F.D. Carrier. Children:

1. Ernest L., b. July 21, 1904.
2. Elinor, b. Jan. 6, 1906, m. Chas. Vose.
3. Robert M., b. Feb. 9, 1907, m. 1. Frieda Koonz, b. Melrose, May 8, 1906, dau. of Frederick W. and Mary Agnes (Tobin) Koonz, in Northampton, 1930. Divorced. c. 1. Dexter Cairns, b. Dec. 3, 1930. m. 2. Mary Evelyn Lynde, b. Nov. 7, 1915, dau. of Cleveland and Jeanette (Murray) Lynde, in Bernardston, June 1, 1936. He d. Nov. 21, 1949. c. 1.

Arthur E., b. Jan. 18, 1940 in Brattleboro, Vt., m. Jeanette Smead, b. Apr. 29, 1942, dau. of Earl Smead and Ola (Howe) Smead, in Bernardston, Oct. 22, 1960. Construction Laborer.

4. Richard S., b. Mar. 4, 1909.
5. Lillian, b. Dec. 29, 1910, m. Clifford Packard.
6. Ronald A., b. Sept. 4, 1914.

NELSON, Mrs. Nellie May, b. Bernardston, July 5, 1875, dau. of George Maxwell and Flora (Palmer) Parmenter, m. Arthur H. Nelson,* b. July 28, 1872, s. of Moses R.* and Georgianna (Streeter)* Nelson, in Bernardston, 1899. He d. 1959. Telephone Operator. Tourist Home. c. 1. Norman Arthur, b. Aug. 28, 1916, d. June 7, 1936.

NELSON, Sterling K., b. New Sweden, Me., Feb. 4, 1910, s. of Andrew H. and Rossie (Keith) Nelson, m. Natalie Brown, b. Mar. 7, 1913, dau. of Ray N. L. and Mary (Goud) Brown, in Caribou, Me., Nov. 21, 1934. m.h. 1954. Pres. & Treas. Gas Co. c. 1. Douglas, b. Oct. 27, 1942. 2. Andrea, b. June 29, 1945.

NELSON, Walter L., b. Bernardston, April 14, 1884, s. of Moses R.* and Georgianna (Streeter)* Nelson, m. Nellie C. Donnelly, b. Feb. 5, 1887, dau. of Thomas and Marion F. (Buckamon) Donnelly, in Springfield, 1911. Retired Farmer. Children:

1. Georgianna A., b. Aug. 20, 1912, m. Roy S. Herrick, Oct. 12, 1935. d. 1950.
2. Grace L., b. June 8, 1914, d. 1920.
3. Walter L., Jr., b. Dec. 29, 1915.
4. Marion M., b. Apr. 9, 1919, m. Ansel Delano.
5. Cola Richard, b. May 11, 1920, m. Eva May Streeter, dau. of Harold S. and Ethel Irene (Cairns) Streeter, gp. Erwin M.*

and Mary Elvira (Stone) Streeter, and Egbert E.* and Eva (Mayo) Cairns.* Salesman, Jordan Motors Sales, Inc., Northfield. c. 1. Cola Richard, Jr., b. Aug. 3, 1947. 2. Eva Lee, b. Aug. 25, 1952.

6. N. Priscilla, b. Nov. 10, 1921, m. J. Streeter Wiemers.
7. Florence L., b. Nov. 2, 1926, d. 1928.

NERBONNE, Richard W., b. New Bedford, Aug. 1, 1931, s. of O. E. and Anne (Paul) Nerbonne. m.h. 1959. Business Education Teacher, P.V.R.S.

NETTLES, Thomas R., b. Dunedin, Fla., Mar. 24, 1922, s. of Thomas R. and Maud (Smith) Nettles, m. Betty G. Welch, b. Nov. 22, 1920, dau. of James E. and Olga Naomi (Nelson) Welch, in Clearwater, Fla., Sept. 11, 1947. m.h. 1958. Printer. c. 1. David Robert, b. May 16, 1952. 2. Lee Thomas, b. May 3, 1954.

NEWHALL, Donald A., b. Greenfield, Dec. 19, 1915, s. of Lorrin D. and Louise (Aiken) Newhall, m. Ellen Weatherhead, b. Mar. 10, 1914, dau. of Fred D. and Eva (Briggs) Weatherhead, in Greenfield, 1937. m.h. 1951. Owner & President, Lodge Petroleum Corp. and Lodge Tire Corp. c. 1. Donna Louise, b. Dec. 6, 1947. 2. Jane Ellen, b. Feb. 14, 1950.

NEWTON, Albert, b. Greenfield, May 15, 1923, s. of Earl A. and Daisy (Spath) Newton, m. Ina M. Hill, b. July 27, 1930, dau. of Gilbert and Sadie Elizabeth (Longmore) Hill, in Leverett, 1949. m.h. 1929. Farm Employee. c. 1. Robert A., b. 1950. 2. Mary E., b. 1951. 3. William E., b. 1953. 4. Elaine M., b. 1955. 5. Carl D., b. 1957.

NEWTON, Mrs. Edith M., b. Aug. 23, 1890, dau. of John E. B.* and Sarah (Bain) Field,* m. Sept. 4, 1917,

Winnie Galutia Newton,* b. Oct. 14, 1882, s. of Galutia D.* and Juliaette (Streeter) Newton.* He d. Nov. 12, 1951.

NEWTON, Henry E., b. Bernardston, Jan. 31, 1885, s. of Galusha* and Juliaette (Streeter) Newton,* m. Ruth Parmenter, b. Sept. 22, 1894, dau. of George* and Mabel Edith (Pierce) Parmenter,* in Bernardston, 1914. Retired Farmer. c. 1. Virginia Ruth, b. 1915, m. Clarence M. Deane. 2. Barbara Inez, b. 1917, m. Milton H. Streeter, resides Sudbury. 3. Madeline H., b. 1919, m. Leonard C. Streeter, resides Northfield. 4. Henry Edman, b. 1921. 5. Neta Lucille, b. 1923, m. Arah E. Snow. 6. Julia Isabelle, b. 1925, m. Burton F. Whitney. 7. Rachel Edith, b. 1930, m. Robert C. Messer. 8. Janet Margaret, b. 1935, m. Richard Parsons.

NEWTON, W. Roy, b. Brattleboro, Vt., Sept. 7, 1892, son of W. D. and Helen (Murray) Newton, m. Clara Taylor, b. Dec. 8, 1893, dau. of W. E. and Alice (Johnson) Taylor, in Brattleboro, 1915. m.h. 1952. Police Officer and Constable. Children:

1. Harold, b. 1916.
2. Walter, b. 1918, deceased.
3. Laurence, b. Brattleboro, Vt., Sept. 25, 1923, m. Emily Chapman, b. April 17, 1929, dau. of Roger C. and Emily (LeRay) Chapman, in Brattleboro, 1947. m.h. 1952. Printing Pressman & Farmer. c. 1. Margaret Emily, b. Feb. 16, 1950. 2. David Laurence, b. April 5, 1953. 3. Mark Edward, b. Dec. 26, 1956.

OAKES, Frank L., b. Apr. 25, 1879, s. of Gardner J.* and Selena M. (Courtney) Oakes,* m. Isabel Sander-son of Springfield. c. 1. Frank L. Oakes, Jr., b. Dec. 6, 1918, m. Helen Smith, 1943. They have two children, and reside in Toledo, Ohio, where he is with an Insurance firm.

OBERACKER, Donald Peters, b. Boston, June 7, 1930, s. of Frederick Jacob and Emma Blanch (Peters) Oberacker. m.h. 1959. General Science & Biology Teacher, P.V.R.S.

OBREY, William R., b. Windsor, Vt., Sept. 14, 1887, s. of Edmund and Amelia (Marchand) Obrey, m. Eleanor Murphy, b. Feb. 23, 1898, dau. of John and Cecelia (McBride) Murphy, in Greenfield, July 3, 1942. m.h. 1942. Retired Railroad Conductor. Wife: Retired School Teacher, at Powers Institute. School Committee.

O'LEARY, James A., b. Staten Island, N. Y., Dec. 11, 1921, s. of James A. (Congressman) and Mary (Flynn) O'Leary, m. Patricia Hayes, b. Apr. 16, 1922, dau. of Jeremiah and Mary (Sheeran) Hayes, in Staten Island, N. Y., 1944. m.h. 1951. School Comm. Inn Keeper, Chase House. c. 1. James A., b. June 20, 1946. 2. Jere, b. March 4, 1953. 3. Terrence, b. Oct. 7, 1955.

OLSEN, Ralph Waldo, b. Wyoming, Nebr., Nov. 6, 1909, s. of George W. and Florence D. (Garrett) Olsen, m. Marion Louise Burrows, b. Oct. 19, 1917, dau. of Bryant B. and Hazel E. (Shaw) Burrows, gp. Baxter P.* and Lucy (Field) Burrows* in Bernardston, 1941. m.h. 1939. Inspector, G.T.D. Corp. c. 1. Carol Dian, b. 1945. 2. Janice Kay, b. 1948. 3. Ralph Waldo, Jr., b. 1953.

PAGE, Charles D., b. Colrain, Feb. 10, 1918, s. of Albert and Rose (Cutler) Page, m. Madelyn Johnson, b. Oct. 13, 1919, dau. of Everett and Bertha (Gleason) Johnson, in Colrain, 1941. m.h. 1941. Delivery Man. Wife, Town Clerk & Treasurer. c. 1. Duane E., b. 1945. 2. Janet, b. 1948. 3. Davette, b. 1951. 4. Jean, b. 1952.

PAGE, Robert Earl, b. Greenfield, Feb. 28, 1936, s. of Earl A. Page and Reta (LaPean) Page, m. Joyce Elaine Grover, b. Bernardston, Dec. 15, 1937,

dau. of Walter C. and Rena (Denison) Grover, gp. Fred B.* and Julia (Hulbert)* Denison, in Brattleboro, Vt., Mar. 15, 1960. U. S. Army. Wife: Hairdresser. c. 1. Dennis Robert, b. Dec. 10, 1960.

PAPPAS, Mrs. Elizabeth G., b. Greenfield, Nov. 27, 1927, dau. of Edgar M. and Rachel (Hanson) Graves, m.h. 1960. Sec'y, Channing L. Bete Co., Inc., Greenfield. c. 1. Calvin Richard, b. Aug. 24, 1955.

PARKER, Frederick G., b. Bernardston, May 6, 1913, s. of James Barnard* and Nancy (Barber) Parker,* m. Shirley C. McCarthy, b. Sept. 20, 1930, dau. of Henry and Marion (Dithier) McCarthy, in Somers, Conn., 1947. Supervisor, Springfield Armory. c. 1. Frederick G., Jr., b. 1948. 2. Lawrence E., b. 1952. 3. Gary D., b. 1953. 4. Craig E., b. 1954. 5. Bruce J., b. 1956. 6. John C., b. 1957. 7. Mark D., b. 1959. 8. Dennis A., b. 1960.

PARSONS, Robert S., b. Northampton, Nov. 19, 1888, s. of Clayton S. and Nellie (Earle) Parsons, m. Alice Southwick, b. Aug. 10, 1888, dau. of Samuel and Elizabeth (Tayte) Southwick, in Florence, 1910. m.h. 1952. Manufacturer's Representative. c. 1. Clayton S., b. 1911. 2. Robert, Jr., b. 1915. 3. Allan, b. 1916. 4. Richard, b. 1921. 5. Shirley, b. 1922. Secretary, Director of Nursing, Franklin County Public Hospital. 6. Virginia, b. 1927.

PATCH, Lowell H., b. Dummerston, Vt., May 9, 1909, s. of Lowell H. and Minnie (Totman) Patch, m. Shirley Warfield, b. Aug. 27, 1917, dau. of Preston G. and Marjorie A. (Ward) Warfield, in Sharon, 1939. m.h. 1948. Line Trimming Foreman. c. 1. Lowell Preston, b. Sept. 30, 1942. 2. Marjorie Ann, b. Jan. 12, 1945. 3. Penny Louise, b. Feb. 24, 1949. 4. John Carrier, b. June 6, 1954.

PATTEN, Rodney C., b. Richmond, Maine, Aug. 13, 1911, s. of Ulyses and Florance Elva (Reed) Patten, m. Dorothy E. Hartwell, b. May 9, 1923, dau. Harry and Elibzabeth C. (Bridges) Hartwell in Greenfield, 1952. m.h. 1952. Mechanic. c. 1. Rodney C., Jr., b. June 27, 1954. 2. June Mae, b. Oct. 3, 1957.

PAYNE, Harold Judd, b. No. Adams, Jan. 18, 1900, s. of Fred A. and Martha (Clemons) Payne, m. Lillian Spinney, b. Aug. 30, 1897, dau. of Archer and Annie Myrtle (Chick) Spinney, in Plymouth, 1924. m.h. 1959. Book and Magazine Publisher. c. 1. Barbara Ann, b. Dec. 7, 1926. 2. Martha Elizabeth, b. June 29, 1932. m. Samuel Greene, Jr.

PEARSON, Paul, b. Orange, Aug. 10, 1898, s. of Edmund and Martha (Hansen) Pearson, m. 1. May O'Brien, b. Nov. 3, 1901. She d. 1946. m. 2. Bertha Karlen, June 27, 1958. m.h. 1949. Retired Plumber. c. 1. Raymond, b. 1921. 2. Kenneth, b. 1923. 3. Donald, b. 1925. 4. Paul, b. 1929. 5. Joyce, b. 1931. 6. Marvin, b. 1933. 7. Bliss, b. 1935. 8. Olive, b. 1937. 9. Patricia, b. 1940.

PEASE, Crawford H., b. Weston, Vt., Sept. 7, 1899, s. of Clark and Nellie (LaSelle) Pease, m. Violet Gerrish, b. Nov. 30, 1905, dau. of Edward and Gertrude (Brown) Gerrish, in Greenfield, 1930. m.h. 1936. Emp. Railway Express Agency. Farmer. c. 1. Eugene Crawford, b. 1931, d. 1952. 2. Shirley Louise, b. 1935. m. Hildege Beaudoin.

PERRY, James L., b. Manhattan, Kansas, 1896, s. of Harry A. and Maveret (Burrows) Perry, ggp. Isaac and Rebecca (Connable) Burrows* and Amos and Sarepta (Cushman) Carrier.* m. Ruth Wood, b. 1896, in Topeka, Kansas, 1922. m.h. 1958. Pres. Seymour Packing Co., Topeka, Kansas, Retired. Owner and Mgr.

Dairy Farm. c. 1. Harry A., II, b. Oct. 28, 1922. 2. James L., Jr., b. Sept. 9, 1924, deceased. 3. Anne, b. Sept. 12, 1927, m. Robert M. Davis.

PERRY, Lowell Edward, b. Gill, Mar. 11, 1894, s. of Frederick A. and Clara (Stoughton) Perry, uncle Harry Perry,* m. Frances M. Schwilling, b. June 9, 1892, dau. of Andrew Schwilling and Eva R. (Sessler) Schwilling, in Greenfield, 1921. m.h. 1951. Retired, Inspector at Millers Falls Co.

PERRY, Ralph E., b. Meriden, Conn., June 10, 1909, s. of Charles H. and Rose Alma (Giguere) Perry, m. Constance Foster, b. Sept. 5, 1914, dau. of Frank R. and Lula Sabra (Bardwell) Foster, gp. Wells T.* and Sabra Ella (Bagg) Bardwell,* in Moores Corner, 1946. m.h. 1945. Emp. Bernardston Welding Co.

PETRIN, William E., b. Greenfield, July 13, 1918, s. of Wilfred J. and Henrietta R. Petrin, m. Ruth E. Kratz, b. Jan. 7, 1919, dau. of Newton S. and Charlotte E. (Gillette) Kratz, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1938. m.h. 1938. Asst. Electrician. Constable. c. 1. Joyce Eileen, b. 1938. 2. Leonard Earl, b. 1943. 3. Stephen Ernest, b. 1946.

PHELPS, Mrs. Antoinette, b. Plainfield, 1897, dau. of Fred and Rose (Farren) Masse, m. Everett W. Phelps, b. Heath, 1888, s. of Hosea and Ada S. (Porter) Phelps, 1915. He d. Sept. 30, 1955. m.h. 1953. c. 1. Riley A., b. 1917. 2. Anna L., b. 1919, m. Harold Johnson. 3. Ada M., b. 1922, m. Wm. Field, Jr. 4. Ruth J., b. 1923, m. David Stevens. 5. Harvey E., b. 1924. 6. Doris A., b. 1928, m. Clayton Cutting.

PHELPS, Richard C., b. Keene, N. H., Feb. 2, 1909, s. of Austin C. and Florence Helen (Messer) Phelps, m. Audrey Burrows, b. Oct. 18, 1909,

dau. of Leon O.* and Elizabeth Dora (Fairman) Burrows, gp. Baxter Park Burrows,* in Bernardston, 1931. m.h. 1920. Machine Shop Foreman. Water Commissioner. Wife, Elementary School Teacher. Children:

1. Abbie Isabelle, b. Sept. 1, 1932, m. Robert Briggs Hatton, Jr., Dec. 31, 1955. c. 1. Catherine Ruth, b. Nov. 18, 1956. 2. David Briggs, b. Aug. 10, 1959.
2. Edward Clayton, b. Sept. 2, 1935, m. Carolyn Lovejoy Sage, Aug. 28, 1960.
3. David Leon, b. Oct. 26, 1939, d. May 22, 1943.

PHILLIPS, Richard H., b. Montague City, Apr. 13, 1931, s. of Harold and Vera (Gould) Phillips. ggp. George* and Charlotte (Burnett) Gould.* m. Juanita Koshinsky, b. Aug. 30, 1938, dau. of Phillip and Mattie (Weatherhead) Koshinsky, in Bernardston, June 28, 1959. m.h. 1959. Tree Surgeon. c. 1. Gregory John, b. July 27, 1960.

PIETZ, Arthur H., b. Germany, Aug. 1, 1887, s. of Julius and Auguste (Bernhard) Pietz, m. Emma Mayers, b. Oct. 5, 1895, dau. of Frederick and Elizabeth (Eppler) Mayers in Greenfield, 1928. m.h. 1957. Owner, Athol Bake Shop.

POIRIER, Gerald E., b. Turners Falls, Sept. 3, 1932, s. of Victor and Emily (Herzig) Poirier, m. Marie Berthiaume, b. Dec. 15, 1933, dau. of Raymond and Gladys Irene (Woodard) Berthiaume in Greenfield Feb. 28, 1951. m.h. 1954. Builder and Contractor. c. 1. Gerard, Jr., b. Aug. 31, 1951. 2. Donna M., b. Sept. 25, 1952. 3. Deborah L., b. Dec. 31, 1953. 4. Wayne B., b. Mar. 18, 1955. 5. Paul J., b. Oct. 3, 1956. 6. Joel D., b. Feb. 2, 1958.

PRATT, Alan Albert, b. Stamford, Conn., Sept. 22, 1934, s. of Clarence

Albert and Anna Eliza (Wilkinson) Pratt, m. Rosalie Ann Dickerson, b. June 16, 1934, dau. of Ralph Abraham and Venita Gertrude (Kuhn) Dickerson, in Stamford, Conn., 1953. m.h. 1956. College Student. c. 1. Kenneth Alan, b. Dec. 9, 1956. 2. Douglas Alan, b. Sept. 21, 1958.

PRATT, Fred E., b. Springfield, March 30, 1912, s. of Fred F. and Blanche (Baker) Pratt, m. Eunice Adams, b. Aug. 31, 1915, dau. of Loren M. and Hattie (Hunt) Adams, in Bernardston, 1935. m.h. 1957. Truck Driver, Western Mass. Electric Co. c. 1. Loren E., b. 1936. 2. Nancy L., b. 1937, m. Caleb Allen.

PRATT, Harold S., b. Bernardston, July 30, 1907, s. of Clarence D. and Lucy (Wrisley) Pratt, m. Edna Tyler, b. Feb. 24, 1907, dau. of Charles and Dora (Cole) Tyler, in Greenfield, 1927. Emp. Esleeck Mfg. Co. c. 1. George Harold, b. March 1928. 2. Elinor I., b. Aug. 1931, m. Rudolph Vlach. 3. Dorothy L., b. Nov. 1934, m. James H. Morgan. 4. Jane L., b. June 1942, m. Lynn Kent.

PRATT, Louis A., b. Bernardston, Sept. 9, 1910, s. of Clarence D. and Lucy L. (Wrisley) Pratt, m. Margaret Burke, b. June 15, 1911, dau. of William E. and Elizabeth (McGrath) Burke, in Lenox, 1933. Farmer and Cattle Dealer. c. 1. Elaine Elizabeth, b. Jan. 5, 1935. 2. Dwight William, b. Dec. 7, 1941.

PRESCOTT, William Sherman, b. Chicago, Ill., s. of Charles H. and Lucy Clare Prescott. Direct descendant of Col. Wm. Prescott (Battle of Bunker Hill) and Roger Sherman, signer of Declaration of Independence. m. Katharine Morton Snow, dau. of Dr. Morton McCulloch Snow and Elizabeth (Stark) Snow,* in Springfield, 1934. Investment Securities. c. 1. Wil-

liam Morton Snow, b. 1936, m. Sara Wadsworth Sikes, 1958. 2. John Knight, b. 1939.

PURRINGTON, Mrs. Grace A., b. New Marlboro, April 17, 1886, dau. Henry and Lizzie Blanche (Adams) Stevens, m. 1. Frank L. Hillman, 1913, in No. Egremont, he d. 1928. m. 2. William J. Purrington of Greenfield, 1932. He d. 1945. m.h. 1938. Retired Teacher.

PURRINGTON, Harry D., b. Charlemont, June 11, 1898, s. of Warren and Minnie (Dryden) Purrington, m. Winifred Bradley, b. June 6, 1916, dau. of Edward and Bessie (Faulkner) Bradley, in Greenfield, 1953. m.h. 1957. Licensed Fireman. Wife, Licensed Practical Nurse.

RACINE, Arthur, b. Meriden, Conn., Jan. 16, 1924, s. of Arthur and Ruby (Reeve) Racine, m. Terry Pelser, b. Dec. 18, 1928, dau. of Teiens and Gertrude Pelser, in Durban, South Africa, 1949. m.h. 1955. Boiler Inspector. c. 1. Dana, b. 1950.

RANDALL, Clarence A., b. Northfield, Sept. 15, 1929, s. of Leon and Lillian May (Flansbury) Randall, m. Eunice Streeter, b. May 21, 1933, dau. of Harold and Ethel (Cairns)* Streeter, gp. Erwin M. Streeter* in Bernardston, Jan. 1952. m.h. 1949. Automotive Instructor, Greenfield Vocational School. c. 1. Clarence Allen, Jr., b. Mar. 18, 1953. 2. Bernard Carl, b. Sept. 14, 1954.

RAYMOND, Charles S., b. Greenfield, June 8, 1907, s. of George and Grace (Fiske) Raymond, m. Esther Maynard, b. May 16, 1910, dau. of Frank and Rachel (Graham) Maynard in Northfield, 1933. m.h. 1915. Plumber. c. 1. Stanley E., b. 1934. 2. Carolyn Joan, b. 1936. 3. Roger Myron, b. 1941. 4. Joyce Elizabeth, b. 1943. 5. Karen Mae, b. 1950.

RAYMOND, Elbert, b. Bernardston, Nov. 29, 1924, s. of George and Grace Edith (Fiske) Raymond, m. Katherine Chekoulias, b. Mar. 12, 1928, dau. of Theodore and Pauline (Zeroulis) Chekoulias, in Brighton, July 29, 1945. Fireman, B. & M. R. R. c. 1. Robert Richard, b. Aug. 7, 1947. 2. Janice Ann, b. June 25, 1948. 3. Jeanette May, b. May 11, 1950. 4. George Theodore, b. April 12, 1952. 5. Michael Elbert, b. Feb. 27, 1956. 6. Mark Joseph, b. April 5, 1957.

RAYNER, Guy C., b. Bernardston, Mar. 5, 1911, s. of Charles Jacob and Mary A. (Whipple) Rayner, m. Mabel Edna Adams, May 22, 1912, dau. of William and Ella May (Baxter) Adams, in Bernardston, Nov. 27, 1941. Carman, B. & M. R. R. Wife, Inspector, Millers Falls Co.

READ, Walter C., b. Montague, July 5, 1917, s. of Charles and Martha (Bradley) Read, m. Ida A. (Hale) Deane, b. July 7, 1919, dau. of Benton and Amelia (Blanchard) Hale, gp. Benj.* and Lura (Hale)* Hale, in Bernardston, 1948. m.h. 1947. c. 1. Donna Lee, b. Jan. 29, 1949.

REDDING, Mendal Crawford, b. Lynn, May 23, 1895, s. of Amasa and Pauline (Lent) Redding, m. Helen Heflin, b. Jan. 6, 1906, dau. of Asa and Jennie (Ernst) Heflin, in Worcester, 1956. m.h. 1956. Painter, Chase Foundation, Inc.

RICHARDSON, Franklin O., b. Bernardston, Mar. 26, 1915, s. of Frank and Lucy (Pratt) Richardson (Fuchs), m. Virginia M. Pond, b. Feb. 17, 1917, dau. of Henry and Enola Lucy (Spear) Pond, in Starke, Fla., 1941. U. S. Army. c. 1. Sally Irene, b. 1949. 2. William Allen, b. 1951.

RICHMOND, Lillian B., b. Westminster, Vt., Sept. 4, 1894, dau. John C. and Emogene (Farnum) Rich-

mond. m.h. 1944. Retired, Elementary School Teacher.

ROOT, Henry O., b. Bernardston, July 29, 1906, s. of Warren H.* and Elizabeth Cushman (Hale)* Root, m. Iva Brooks, b. March 17, 1901, dau. of J. N. and Ida Belle (Bliss) Brooks, in No. Haverhill, N. H., Oct. 11, 1930. Farmer. Emp. Wayside Farm Creamery. Selectman, School Com., Sealer of Weights and Measures, Insp. of Barns & Animals. Wife: Trustee, Cushman Library, Cushman Hall Com., School Survey & Bldg. Com. Former P. I. Teacher. c. 1. Edith Louise, b. July 28, 1931, m. Wm. Hume. 2. Warren Nelson, b. June 10, 1933, m. Ruth E. Sheldon. 3. Ann Elizabeth, b. Dec. 26, 1934, m. Chester Bevis.

RUBEOR, Mrs. Viola M., b. Rensselaer, N. Y., Oct. 30, 1898, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Corr) Marcoux, m. Robert Romney Rubeor, s. of Lewis and Freda (Johnson) Rubeor, in New York, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1922. He died July 24, 1957. m.h. 1948. c. 1. Ruth (Rubeor) Kahree, b. Sept. 23, 1914, his dau. by previous marriage.

SCHAUFUS, Mrs. Hazel V., b. Springfield, May 7, 1892, dau. of Clarence and Alice Jane (Hitchcock) Mesick. John and Luke Hitchcock,* ancestors, took up land grants here after the Falls Fight. m. Ernest G. Schaufus, b. Waltham, Apr. 2, 1892, s. of August and Ida (Siedel) Schaufus, July 14, 1915. c. 1. Alice Vosburgh, b. 1917, m. Clarence A. Parish. 2. Robert August, b. 1919. 3. Hazel Ida, b. 1928.

SCHUMACHER, Lawrence, b. Chelsea, May 26, 1932, s. of Lawrence and Agnes (Murphy) Schumacher, m. Elizabeth Milliken, b. March 3, 1935, dau. of Clinton Milliken and Ruth (Atwood) Milliken, in N. Reading, 1957. m.h. Aug. 1959. State Police-

man. c. 1. Lawrence Scott, b. Sept. 15, 1958.

SCOTT, Darwin Thaxter, b. Hawley, May 27, 1909, s. of Wilbur T. and Eleanor (Clark) Scott, m. Alta Price, b. June 13, 1911, dau. of Roland and Vina (Morrill) Price, in Springfield, 1936. m.h. April 17, 1940. Owner, The Lunch Box. c. 1. Darwin T., Jr., b. June 4, 1938.

SEDGLEY, James, b. Boston, Jan. 17, 1925, s. of John and Mary (Woodson) Sedgley, m. Mary J. Sullivan, b. June 28, 1928, dau. of Timothy and Mary (Vincent) Sullivan, in Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 6, 1947. m.h. 1928. Farmer. c. 1. James, Jr., b. Dec. 26, 1947. 2. Linda Ann, b. June 28, 1951. 3. Rosiemarie Ann, b. Feb. 22, 1956. 4. Deborah Ann, b. Oct. 17, 1957.

SENEY, Eli, b. Northumberland, N. Y., Oct. 26, 1890, s. of Eli and Leona (LeBrun) Seney, m. Bessie Gerrish, b. Nov. 2, 1905, dau. of Edward and Gertrude (Brown) Gerrish, in Greenfield, 1956. She d. Mar. 14, 1959. m.h. 1956. Retired, Equipment Engineer B. & M. R.R.

SENIOR, John A., b. Holyoke, June 2, 1918, s. of John and Helen (Sachariat) Senior, m. Evelyn Johnson, b. June 17, 1917, dau. of Henry and Hazel (Dunnell) Johnson, in Greenfield, 1960. m.h. 1955. News Reporter, Greenfield Recorder-Gazette. Children by previous marriage. 1. Priscilla, b. 1946. 2. David, b. 1948.

SHAW, Benjamin F., b. Windsor, Mar. 30, 1900, s. of Ellsworth and Eda (Tinney) Shaw, m. Rose Pfersick, b. March 20, 1914, dau. of John and Alice (Call) Pfersick, in Bernardston, 1935. m.h. 1915. Woodworker, G. T. D. Corp. c. 1. May Louise, b. 1935, m. Arthur Reid. 2. Ellsworth John, b. 1936. 3. Benjamin Franklin, Jr., b. 1938. 4. Edward Francis, b. 1942. 5. Robert Louis, b. 1953.

SHEARER, Stanley F., b. Colrain, April 27, 1912, s. of John and Jennie (Gates) Shearer, m. Dorothy Thurlow, b. Aug. 22, 1916, dau. of Frederick and Rose (Barnes) Thurlow, in Greenfield, 1940. m.h. 1956. Rural Mail Carrier, Greenfield. c. 1. Paul Gordon, b. 1952.

SHEDD, Allan Martindale, b. Montague City, July 31, 1922, s. of Richard F. and Fanny May (Martindale) Shedd, gp. Edw. C.* and Mary (Sandin)* Martindale, m. Ernestine M. Johnson, b. May 29, 1928, dau. of Ernest R. and Irene Ellen (Fairman) Johnson, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1952. m.h. 1922. Truck Driver. c. 1. Marvin Richard, b. Mar. 3, 1955. 2. Robert Brendan, b. Aug. 26, 1956. 3. Peter Allan, b. Sept. 9, 1958.

SHORES, Paul Demond, b. Northampton, May 12, 1901, s. of Dr. Harvey Towle and Mabel (Demond) Shores, gp. J. Howe and Emma (Brown) Demond, ggp. Imla K.* and Eunice Emeline (Connable)* Brown, m. Carolyn L. Breen, b. April 7, 1903, dau. of William John and Frances (Boileau) Breen in Winchester, June 23, 1926. m.h. 1929. Retired Poultryman, School Com., P. I. Trustee, Cushman Hall Com., World War II C. D. Director. Wife, Teacher, School Com. Children:

1. William Harvey, b. Easthampton, Mar. 1, 1928, m. Greta Gahn, b. Apr. 17, 1933, dau. of Henrik and Ruth Mae (Barger) Gahn, direct descendant of the Colquhoun Clan of Scotland which later in Sweden was written as Kahun, Gahun, then Gahn, in Brattleboro, Vt., Sept. 25, 1955. Poultryman, School bus operator, Constable. Wife, Registered Nurse. c. 1. Carolyn Mae, b. Sept. 18, 1956. 2. Paula Ann, b. Mar. 20, 1959. 3. Sarah Jane, b. Sept. 18, 1960.

2. Richard Connable, b. Mar. 30, 1931, m. Deane Kenyon, b. Oct. 22, 1933, dau. of Alfred and Dorothy Kenyon in Charlemont, Aug. 28, 1954. Technical Engineer at Pratt & Whitney, East Hartford, Conn. Wife, Registered Nurse. c. 1. Richard C., Jr., b. May 13, 1955. 2. Kenyon Paul, b. Feb. 5, 1957. 3. Clifford Deane, b. Oct. 4, 1958.
3. Pauline Frances, b. Aug. 3, 1932, m. Marvin Ray Fritts in Miami, Fla., Jan. 28, 1956. c. 1. Marvin Ray, Jr., b. Oct. 21, 1957. 2. Paula Louise, b. Nov. 21, 1958. 3. Sandra Jean, b. July 9, 1960.
4. Marion Demond, b. Apr. 4, 1936. X-Ray Technician, Newington, Conn.

SICIAK, Steven A., b. Turners Falls, March 22, 1914, s. of Albert and Nellie (Kortz) Siciak, m. Ethel Shedd, b. June 20, 1915, dau. of Richard F. and Fanny May (Martindale) Shedd, gp. Edward C.* and Mary (Sandin) Martindale* in Turners Falls, 1936. m.h. 1936. Excavator and Owner Auto Wrecking Business.

SKIATHITIS, Charles, b. Manchester, N. H., March 11, 1922, s. of Apostolas and Helen Skiathitis, m. Helen Trephon, b. May 26, 1924, dau. of Rodis J. and Angelina (Pep-eris) Trephon, in Manchester, N. H., 1948. m.h. 1951. Restaurant Operator. c. 1. Paul, b. Feb. 6, 1949. 2. James, b. Jan. 26, 1953. 3. Angela, b. Nov. 3, 1956.

SLATE, Lewis Dwight*, b. Bernardston, Dec. 30, 1863, s. of Lewis A.* and Ellen C. (Temple) Slate,* m. Etta Gertrude Taylor,* b. Sept. 1, 1871, dau. of William* and Maria Helen (Pierce) Taylor in Bernardston, July 28, 1897. Selectman. Library Trustee. He d. 1950. Children:

1. George Lewis, b. 1899. Resides

in Geneva, N. Y.

2. Herbert Taylor, b. Bernardston, Feb. 10, 1901, m. Isabel Robertson, b. June 19, 1901, dau. of Walter and Sara Stein (Hamilton) Robertson, in Leyden, 1926. He d. Aug. 18, 1945. c. 1. Margaret Elizabeth, b. 1927, m. David G. Dixon. 2. Theodore Herbert, b. 1928.

SLATE, Mary E., b. Bernardston, Feb. 24, 1878, dau. of Lewis A. and Ellen C. (Temple)* Slate.* Domestic Nurse, retired.

SLOCUM, George C., b. Toronto, Canada, Aug. 18, 1918, s. of Myron and Minnie (Chisholm) Slocum, m. Marjorie Lovell, b. Aug. 16, 1922, dau. of R. M. and Virginia J. (Potts) Lovell, in Worcester, 1945. m.h. 1955. Salesman, Duofast Northeast-Budd Corp. c. 1. Donald, b. Nov. 1946. 2. George, Jr., b. Nov. 1948. 3. M. Jean, b. May 1951. 4. David, b. July 1953. 5. Christina Lee, b. Dec. 1957.

SMITH, Donald DeWitt, b. Holyoke, Feb. 5, 1907, s. of Raymond and Mabel (Jones) Smith, m. Elizabeth Grimes, b. 1912, dau. of George and Grace (Lotridge) Grimes, in Holyoke, 1931. m.h. 1960. Accountant. c. 1. Donald DeWitt, Jr., b. 1934.

SMITH, Fred Whipple, b. Guilford, Vt., Apr. 3, 1914, s. of Hurdis Fred S. and Mary H. (Whipple) Smith, m. Hazel M. Ingram, b. June 5, 1917, dau. of Delbert C. and Emma B. (Pierce) Ingram, in Dummerston, Vt. 1934. m.h. 1940. Emp. J. L. Dunnell & Son. c. 1. Audrey Ann, b. Sept. 25, 1940. 2. Babette Darlene, b. Apr. 26, 1952.

SMITHERS, Madeline A., b. Randolph, Vt., July 3, 1922, dau. of Howard J. and Alettha (Bailey) Smithers. m.h. 1957. School Teacher, Northfield.

SNOW, Mrs. Allene, b. Sept. 14, 1898, dau. of David and Mary Gertrude (Bowers) Newton, m. Edward B. Snow, b. Melrose, Nov. 29, 1891, s. of Arah and Nettie Grace (Lamb) Snow, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1916. m.h. 1920. He d. Aug. 7, 1957. Children:

1. Edwina Mary, b. Feb. 4, 1917, d. Dec. 13, 1960.
2. Nettie Grace, b. Jan. 18, 1918, d. June 29, 1943.
3. Beatrice Maude, b. April 12, 1920, m. James McCrea.
4. Arah Everett, b. Feb. 9, 1922.
5. Edward Bagg, b. May 5, 1924, m. Virginia Bolton, b. Feb. 24, 1926, dau. of Fred and Doris (Doolittle) Bolton, in Northfield, 1947. Foreman, Rural Gas, Inc. c. 1. Deborah Lee, b. 1949. 2. Edward B., b. 1951. 3. Douglas Bolton, b. 1956.
6. Allene May, b. Feb. 26, 1926, m. LeRoy Edson.
7. Irah Willard, b. July 9, 1928, m. Lois Ann, b. July 21, 1932, dau. of Wm. L. and Alice (Butler) McAuliffe, in Bernardston, Sept. 22, 1951. Oil Burner Service Man. c. 1. Michael Willard, b. July 28, 1954. 2. Kevin Butler, b. May 11, 1957. 3. Jeffrey Wm., b. Apr. 11, 1959.
8. Eva Edith, b. Mar. 15, 1930, m. Roy Ingraham.
9. Marjorie Irene, b. April 14, 1933.
10. Orah David, b. April 27, 1935, d. Dec. 30, 1935.
11. Harold Lamb, b. July 25, 1937, m. Kay Lombard, b. Jan. 7, 1943, dau. of George R. and Margaret R. (Gray) Lombard, in Northfield, Oct. 22, 1960. Service Mgr., Greenfield Motors.

STACHELEK, Stanley, b. Millers Falls, May 5, 1911, s. of Frank and Anna (Sawick) Stachelek, m. Sophie Kmiec, b. Mar. 19, 1908, dau. of

Frank and Mary (Kozik) Kmiec, in Greenfield, 1930. m.h. 1930. Mechanic, Hartwell Motors. c. 1. Stephanie, b. 1930.

STANGE, Fred J., b. Dedham, Mass., Oct. 12, 1894. m.h. 1941. School custodian.

STARK, Lucius R., b. Lyme, Conn., 1905, s. of J. W. and Alione (Ely) Stark, m. Frances Euvrard, b. 1909, dau. of Eugene and Isabell A. (DeVaux) Euvrard, in Amenia, N. Y., 1930. m.h. 1938. Public Welfare Director. Nurseryman. Previously U.S.D.A. Selectman. School Committee. c. 1. Barbara, b. 1932. m. Stetson K. Adams.

STEINER, Paul C., b. Greenfield, Jan. 15, 1932, s. of Chester and Celeste (Valiton) Steiner, m. Mareen Woodward, b. July 13, 1937, dau. of Erwin and Doris (Pendexter) Woodward, in E. Hiram, Me., 1956. m.h. 1960. Emp. Greenfield Components Corp. c. 1. Erwin Paul, b. Nov. 22, 1958. 2. Theresa Mareen, b. April 8, 1960.

STREETER, Mrs. Ethel Irene,* b. East Clifton, Quebec, Canada, May 19, 1888, dau. of Egbert E.* and Eva M. (Mayo)* Cairns, m. Harold S. Streeter, b. Bernardston, May 1, 1891, s. of Erwin Myron* and Mary E. (Stone) (Burrington) Streeter, gp. James* and Eunice Serepta (Nelson)* Streeter, in Bernardston, Jan. 3, 1912. He d. May 23, 1957. Children:

1. Wendell Erwin, b. Bernardston, March 25, 1913, m. Dorothy M. Wood, b. Nov. 17, 1916, dau. of Ernest Wood and Susan E. (Dunklee) Wood, in Bernardston, 1938. Pres.-Treas. Bernardston Auto Exchange, Inc. Town Auditor and Assessor. Regional and Elementary School Committees. Fire Chief. Water Commis-

- sioner. Wife: School Nurse, P.V.R.S. c. 1. David W., b. July 6, 1940. 2. Linda L., b. Nov. 9, 1942. 3. Leland A., b. Oct. 16, 1946. 4. George W., b. Oct. 3, 1948.
2. Irene Madalene, b. 1914, m. Ellis Franklin.
 3. Elmore James, b. Bernardston, April 26, 1916, m. Evelyn Jaqueth, b. April 8, 1921, dau. of Earl Winchester and Clara Alice (Prouty) Jaqueth, in Guilford, Vt., Aug. 1, 1943. Vice-Pres. Bernardston Auto Exchange. Trustee, Powers Institute. c. 1. Ruby Ann, b. Nov. 20, 1946. 2. Elmore James, Jr., b. May 3, 1949.
 4. Milton Harold, b. 1917.
 5. Leonard Cairns, b. 1920.
 6. Eva May, b. 1922, m. Cola Nelson.
 7. Mary Elizabeth, b. 1924, m. Karl F. Merz.
 8. Ernest Reuben, b. Bernardston, Dec. 14, 1926, m. Paulina Dobias, b. Sept. 23, 1929, dau. of Austin Dobias and Alice Jenny (Coates) Dobias, in Leyden, 1947. Farm Machinery Dealer. Co-owner, Bernardston Auto Exchange. c. 1. Marie Eleanor, b. July 1, 1948. 2. Ronald Ernest, b. Sept. 22, 1951.
 9. Eunice Ann, b. 1933, m. Clarence Randall.

STREETER, Herman A., b. Bernardston, Dec. 26, 1893, s. of Erwin Myron* and Mary Elvira (Stone) (Burrington) Streeter, m. Lottie Delia Pratt, b. Feb. 28, 1899, dau. of Clarence Dwight and Lucy Lucinda (Wrisley) Pratt, ggp. Loren H.* and Eunice (Burrows) Ryther,* in Bernardston, Sept. 3, 1921. Retired butcher, farmer & trader. Children:

1. June Gladys, b. June 6, 1922, m. Frank R. Foster, Jr.

2. Jannette Louella, b. Aug. 27, 1924, m. Harvey Phelps.
3. Erwin Clarence, b. Bernardston, Sept. 28, 1928, m. Phyllis E. Packard, b. July 1, 1929, dau. of Ralph and Evelyn M. (Knight) Packard, in Bernardston, 1948. Farmer. c. 1. Steven Erwin, b. Aug. 15, 1952. 2. Ralph Herman, b. May 22, 1953. 3. Doreen June, b. Aug. 4, 1956. 4. Malinda Sue, b. July 12, 1959.
4. Lucy Mae, b. July 7, 1931, m. Elwin Stevens.
5. Joyce Emily, b. Jan. 19, 1935.

SULLIVAN, Timothy D., b. Turners Falls, March 14, 1893, s. of Timothy D. and Julia (Shanahan) Sullivan, m. Mary Julia Vincent, b. March 6, 1891, dau. of Joseph and Mary (Guyette) Vincent, in Northampton, 1918. m.h. 1921. Stationary Engineer, Esleeck Co. Children:

1. Vena May (by previous marriage), b. Aug. 11, 1911, m. Edward Batchelder.
2. Timothy D., twin, b. Aug. 25, 1919, d. 1957.
3. Teresa M., twin, b. Aug. 25, 1919, m. Arthur J. Wood.
4. Brona J., b. Nov. 17, 1921, m. Ernest J. McDonald.
5. Philip Joseph, Sr., b. Nov. 1, 1923, m. Esther R., dau. of Gates Tuttle, Sr., and Viola Amber (Tibbetts) Tuttle, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1945. m.h. 1946. He died July 28, 1950. Wife: Cafeteria Assistant. c. 1. Donna Lee, b. June 15, 1946. 2. Philip Joseph, Jr., b. Nov. 8, 1947. 3. Esther Ruth, b. June 17, 1950.
6. Mary J., b. June 28, 1928, m. James Sedgley.
7. Mayona M., b. Jan. 30, 1933, m. John J. Brusio, Jr.

SZULBORSKI, Lloyd, b. Greenfield, July 27, 1920, s. of Stanley and An-

nie (Rzana) Szulborski, m. May Lambert, b. April 6, 1911, dau. of Fred and Rose Anna (Boucher) Lambert, in Gill, 1945. m.h. 1951. Inspector, G.T.D. Corp. c. 1. Lloyd Joseph, b. Mar. 19, 1947. 2. Gregory David, b. Nov. 28, 1950.

TAFT, Harry E., b. Montague, March 22, 1885, s. of Louis R. and Mary Jane (Thayer) Taft, m. 1. Mary Lucretia Childs, b. July, 1885, d. Aug. 20, 1920. m. 2. Annie A. Stange, b. Dec. 7, 1883, dau. of Andrew and Annie (Eniniger) Stange, in Bernardston, May 19, 1930. m.h. 1932. Retired Electrician. c. 1. Evelyn Mary, b. May 10, 1910, m. Franklin Mono. 2. Marion Helen, b. Sept. 6, 1915, m. Kenneth Drew. 3. Lucretia Field, b. Dec. 16, 1919.

THURBER, Mrs. Katharine E., b. Sunderland, July 4, 1924, dau. of Lawrence S. and Edice M. (Eastman) Gale, m. Emerson J. Thurber, b. Sept. 5, 1920, s. of Gilbert E. and Bertha E. (Leuscher) Thurber, in Bernardston, Feb. 21, 1942. Divorced, 1950. m.h. 1929. c. 1. James R., b. Nov. 29, 1942. 2. Leslie Norman, b. Apr. 6, 1944. 3. Larry G., b. July 21, 1946. 4. Robert K., b. June 25, 1947.

THURBER, Mrs. Minnie A., b. Wilmington, Vt., Dec. 14, 1875, dau. of A. Gilbert and Susan C. (Clark) Yeaw, m. George E. Thurber, son of Emerson H. and Sarah (Ballou) Thurber, in Brattleboro, Vt., Jan. 25, 1898. m.h. 1898. He d. May 6, 1944. c. 1. Gilbert E., b. Oct. 25, 1902. 2. Herbert A., b. Sept. 20, 1906.

TIRRELL, Clifford, b. Cummington, Sept. 26, 1910, s. of Fred and Rachel (Duverger) Tirrell, m. Madeline Vagel, b. Sept. 1, 1911, dau. of Jos. Vagel, in Greenfield, 1929. m.h. 1958. Special machine flute grinder. c. 1. Maynard, b. 1930. 2. Kenneth, b. 1937.

TOMBS, Edw. Henry, b. Hoosick Falls, N. Y., June 7, 1871, s. of Edward L. and Francis J. (Gill) Tombs, m. Etta C. Corser, b. May 17, 1873, dau. of Erastus and Lucy (Ayer) Corser, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1897. Emp. Estey Organ Co. m.h. 1958. c. 1. Mabel, b. Jan. 2, 1902, m. Dr. David Faulkner. 2. Nelson, b. Jan. 7, 1908.

TOWNSEND, Chauncey G., b. Shelburne, Mar. 3, 1915, s. of George W. and Cora N. (Day) Townsend, m. Hazel S. Prescott, b. Sept. 20, 1914, dau. of Herbert S. and Sarah E. (Parker) Prescott, in Bernardston, 1940. m.h. 1927. Magazine Distributor. c. 1. Judith Ann, b. 1945. 2. Marcia Jane, b. 1947. 3. George Herbert, b. 1949. 4. William Edward, b. 1951.

TOWNSEND, Mrs. Winifred F., b. Leyden, Aug. 4, 1907, dau. of Frank R. Foster* and Lula S. (Bardwell) Foster, gp. Wells T. Bardwell* and Sabra Ella (Bagg)* Bardwell, m. Albert F. Townsend, s. of Frank and Annie (Johnson) Townsend, in Bernardston, 1929. m.h. 1922. Divorced 1946. Bookkeeper. c. 1. Ruth R., b. 1943.

TUBBS, Lawrence R., b. Guilford, Vt., Feb. 25, 1889, s. of Richard J. and Addie E. (Wilson) Tubbs, m. 1. Ida F. Bush, b. Apr. 8, 1892, dau. of Albert and Regina (Paradis) Bush, in Conway, 1909. She d. Feb. 29, 1928. m. 2. Vivian Wood, b. Oct. 29, 1889, dau. of Henry and Emma (Bassett) Wood, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1930. m.h. 1947. Retired, Western Mass. Elec. Co. Children:

1. Doris E., b. Sept. 2, 1910, m. Comdr. Arthur Hodges.
2. Richard L., b. Greenfield, Feb. 21, 1915, m. Louise Rice, b. June 19, 1922, dau. of Leslie and E. Lillian (Curtis) Rice, in Greenfield, 1944. m.h. 1951. In-

spector, Govt. materiel. Bernardston and P.V.R.S. School Committees. c. 1. Linda Louise, b. 1947. 2. Allan Richard, b. 1950.

TUTOR, Carvis E., b. Sarepta, Miss., July 24, 1914, s. of Walter L. and Myra (Griffin) Tutor, m. Christine McGregor, b. Oct. 30, 1914, dau. of Harrison and Susan (Collums) McGregor, in Randolph, Miss., 1932. m.h. 1957. Baptist Minister. c. 1. Annette, b. Dec. 17, 1934. 2 Jimmy, b. April 4, 1937. 3. Joseph, b. Nov. 17, 1938. 4. Harry, b. Aug. 25, 1945. 5. Susan, b. May 8, 1952.

TUTTLE, George Ellis, b. Greenfield, Nov. 22, 1928, s. of Gates N. and Viola Amber (Tibbetts) Tuttle, m. Shirley May Tyler, b. May 25, 1936, dau. of Arthur Leroy and Edna Vallonia (Carpenter) Tyler, ggp. Edward Jenner Carpenter,* in Bernardston, 1959. m.h. 1958. Automobile Mechanic.

TYLER, Arthur Leroy, b. Adams, Oct. 8, 1893, s. of Charles E. and Dora (Cole) Tyler, m. Edna Carpenter, b. Aug. 25, 1902, dau. of Malcolm A.* and Maud (Carpenter) Carpenter,* gp. Edward Jenner Carpenter,* ggp. Dr. Elijah W.* and Vallonia (Slate) Carpenter,* in Greenfield, 1924. m.h. 1926. Teamster. Farmer. Emp. G.T.D. Corp. c. 1. Evelyn Louise, b. 1924, m. Harold Antes. 2. Malcolm Charles, b. 1926. 3. Theodore Carpenter, b. 1929. 4. Shirley May, b. 1936, m. George E. Tuttle. 5. Barbara Rowena, b. 1939, m. William Roberge.

UNDERWOOD, Mrs. Irene, b. 1890, dau. of Thomas Nathaniel and Carolyn (Guthrie) Gates, m. Robert Underwood, he d. 1952. m.h. 1953. Assistant Associate, Helen Todd's Decorator Mart, Northampton.

UNDERWOOD, William D., b. Greenfield, Feb. 9, 1919, s. of W. D. and Eva May (Brooks) Underwood, m. Beryl Foster, b. Jan. 13, 1919, dau. of Frank R.* and Lula S. (Bardwell) Foster, gp. Wells and Ella (Bagg)* Bardwell,* in Bernardston, 1942. m.h. 1942. Precision Tool Assembler. Selectman. c. 1. Joel Foster, b. 1946. 2. Jared William, b. 1948. 3. Deborah Frances, b. 1951. 4. Rebecca Beryl, b. 1954.

VAN VALKENBURGH, Daniel H., b. Douglas, Wyoming, Feb. 12, 1888, s. of Daniel and Louella (Beebe) Van Valkenburgh, m. 1. Bessie Hamlin, b. 1886, dau. of Fred and Julia (Rombeau) Hamlin, in Newfane, Vt., Dec. 25, 1911. She d. 1941. m. 2. Matilda Willett, b. Champlain, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1888, dau. of Louis Willett and Odeal (Tarrien) Willett, in Bernardston, May 3, 1945. m.h. 1938. Carpenter. Welfare Board. c. 1. Ruth Evelyn, b. Sept. 30, 1914, m. Everett Cowan. 2. Dana Hamlin, b. Nov. 4, 1917.

VLACH, Rudolph E., b. Montague, July 5, 1927, s. of Vaclav and Anna Rose (Vanecht) Vlach. m. Elinor Pratt, b. Aug. 28, 1931, dau. of Harold S. and Edna Irene (Tyler) Pratt, in Turners Falls, 1951. m.h. 1951. Paper Cutter, Esleeck Mfg. Co. c. 1. Harold V., b. Dec. 24, 1953. 2. David Michael, b. July 8, 1955. 3. Ramona Jane, b. Oct. 15, 1959.

WALSH, Cornelius J., b. New York City, 1900, s. of Cornelius J. and Elizabeth Josephine (McGee) Walsh, m. Susan Doris Barry, b. 1903, dau. of Wm. E. and Josephine Marie Barry, in Hohokus, N. J., 1928. m.h. June 1954. Retired Supervisor, Federal Reserve Bank, N. Y. C.

WALTERMIRE, Kenneth Frank, b. Westfield, May 5, 1916, s. of Henry L. and Emily Randall (Cook) Wal-

termire, m. Marion Flagg Wessman, b. Springfield, Oct. 24, 1913, dau. of Herbert Davis Wessman and Marion Lucy (Flagg) Wessman, gp. Laura Abigail (Hartwell) Flagg,* ggp. Edwin Ward* and Lucy A. (Wilder)* Hartwell, in Bernardston, June 14, 1941. Commercial Artist. c. 1. Kenneth Flagg, b. April 26, 1943. 2. Robert George, b. July 12, 1947.

WARD, Arthur W., b. Westminster, Vt., Oct. 17, 1877, s. of Arthur A. and Ellen (Sabin) Ward, gp. L. F. Ward, Prin. P. I., 1858-60, m. Maude Harris, b. 1881, dau. of Byron and Ella Marie (Yeaw) Harris, in Brattleboro, Vt., 1899. m.h. 1927. Poultry Farmer. School Committee. c. 1. Arthur Byron, b. Feb. 14, 1900. 2. Nathalie Roberta, b. July 5, 1914,

WARFIELD, Mrs. Marjorie A., b. Buckland, Feb. 27, 1893, dau. of Edgar H. and C. May (Carrier) Ward, m. Preston G. Warfield, b. in Buckland, Mar. 1, 1891, s. of Frederick L. and Cora O. (Taylor) Warfield, in Ashfield, May 24, 1916. He d. May 24, 1960. m.h. 1960. c. 1. Shirley M., b. 1917, m. Lowell H. Patch.

WARNER, Mrs. Ruth Okkerse, b. New York City, Feb. 2, 1904, dau. of Frank A. and Neltje (Okkerse) Donelson, m. George A. Warner, b. Bernardston, Apr. 10, 1896, s. of Albert B.* and Carrie (Denison) Warner,* in Hartford, Conn., July 11, 1936. m.h. 1951. He d. Apr. 25, 1958. Secretary, Mt. Hermon School.

WATSON, John Robert, b. Leverett, Aug. 3, 1924, s. of Glon K. and Ruth (Harper) Watson, m. Winifred Gunn, b. March 9, 1928, dau. of George and Alice (Tanner) Gunn, in Montague, 1950. She descended, through ggp. Mary Bradford Gunn, from William Bradford, early Governor Mass. Bay Colony. m.h. 1953. Fireman, B. & M. R. R. c. 1. Robert,

b. 1951. 2. Laurie, b. 1953. 3. Betsey, b. 1956.

WESSMAN, Robert Flagg, b. Springfield, Nov. 3, 1917, s. of Herbert Davis Wessman and Marion Lucy (Flagg) Wessman, gp. Laura Abigail (Hartwell)* Flagg, ggp. Edwin Ward* and Lucy A. (Wilder)* Hartwell, m. Jeanne M. McCann, dau. of Hugh R. and Elizabeth (Creelan) McCann, in Springfield, May 2, 1942. High School Teacher. c. 1. Kathleen C., b. Jan. 29, 1944. 2. Laura H., b. Aug. 4, 1945. 3. Daniel J., b. Aug. 24, 1949. 4. Meredyth J., b. Aug. 30, 1955.

WHITAKER, Carl Harold, Sr., b. Orange, Feb. 6, 1900, s. of Charles Herbert and Orra May (Hale) Whitaker, gp. Warren* and Jennie (Thayer) Hale,* m. Ruth Louise Rogers, b. Oct. 27, 1903, dau. of Bert Newel and Anna Frances (Sessler) (Rogers) Berry, in Greenfield, Aug. 22, 1923. m.h. 1926. Farmer. Children:

1. Carl Harold, Jr., b. Greenfield, July 21, 1924, m. Katherine Rak, b. Nov. 16, 1923, dau. of Nicklas and Amelia (Smiarowski) Rak, in Amherst, Oct. 31, 1931. m.h. 1926. Emp. Millers Falls Tool Co. Wife: Emp. at Prophylactics, Florence, Mass. c. 1. Donna Lee, b. Sept. 12, 1952. 2. Damon Leigh, b. Oct. 13, 1954. 3. Doreen Louise, b. May 2, 1958.

2. Florence Eva, b. March 8, 1926, m. Charles J. Sakowicz.

WHITAKER, Holman H., b. Gill, Nov. 30, 1906, s. of Charles and Orra May (Hale) Whitaker, m. Helen Hastings, b. March 31, 1905, dau. of Luther and Lottie (Hale) Hastings, in Bernardston, Aug. 27, 1928. m.h. 1927. Clerk, J. L. Dunnell & Son.

WHITE, Flora V., b. Guilford, Vt., 1900, dau. of Harry Wallace and Flora M. (Jones) White. m.h. 1943. Staff artist, Boyce Thompson Inst. for Plant Research, Yonkers, N. Y. Emp. G.T.D., Greenfield.

WHITHED, Morton E., b. Bernardston, Aug. 24, 1908, s. of Marshall F.* and Myrtia (Cook) Whithed,* m. Margaret I. Logan, b. Dec. 18, 1912, dau. of Alexander and Carolyn (Gates) Logan, in Bernardston, 1938. Miller, Farm Bureau Feed Mill. c. 1. Marshall Hale, b. Aug. 14, 1939. 2. Carolyn Gates, b. March 9, 1943.

WHITNEY, Burton F., b. Newton, Sept. 6, 1923, s. of Burton F. and Lena (Elliot) Whitney, m. Julia Newton, b. Feb. 4, 1925, dau. of Henry* and Ruth Lillian (Parmenter) Newton, gp. George W.* and Mabel (Pierce) Parmenter* and Galusha P.* and Juliaette (Streeter) Newton* in Bernardston, 1945. m.h. 1936. Service Station Owner. c. 1. Gail, b. 1945. 2. Cheryl Ann, b. 1947. 3. Cynthia, b. 1951. 4. Wayne Frank, b. 1956.

WHITNEY, Preston, b. Brattleboro, Vt., 1916, s. of Mervin and Florence (Ingram) Whitney, m. Catherine Stebbins, b. May, 1915, dau. of Waldo and Isabel (Flansberg) Stebbins, in Winchester, N. H., 1934. m.h. 1954. Machinist. c. 1. Preston, Jr., b. Nov. 1934. 2. Dean, b. March 1939. 3. James, b. May 1945.

WIEGAND, William B., b. Ontario, Canada, Feb. 17, 1889, s. of John and Melvina (Stauffer) Wiegand, m. Janet Lee, b. Oct. 16, 1902, dau. of John Clarence and Helena (Crummett) Lee, in Gloucester, 1925. m.h. 1939. Wife's gp., John Stebbins Lee, b. in Vernon, Vt. was the first resident to go to college—Amherst. Later he became the first president of St. Lawrence University, Canton, N. Y. Re-

tired. Director of Research & Vice Pres. Columbian Carbon Co., N. Y. C. c. 1. John L., b. June 1, 1926. 2. Pamela L., b. April 26, 1928, m. Prof. Norman A. Doenges, Dartmouth College. 3. Philip L., b. April 26, 1928. 4. Jeffery W., b. Sept. 19, 1931. 5. Frederick M., b. Aug. 29, 1933.

WIEMERS, Herman Albert, Jr., b. Greenfield, April 23, 1893, s. of Herman Albert and Henriette Minnie (Hesse) Wiemers, m. Musa Caspara Streeter, b. Dec. 24, 1895, dau. of Erwin Myron* and Mary Elvira (Stone) (Burrington) Streeter, in Bernardston, Sept. 3, 1921. Machinist, Production Mach. Co. Forest Fire Warden. Constable. Moth Supt. Water Commissioner. Children:

1. Junior Streeter, b. Bernardston, June 28, 1922. m. Priscilla Nelson, b. Nov. 10, 1921, dau. of Walter Lee* and Nellie C. (Donnelly) Nelson, in Greenfield, Oct. 12, 1943. Clerk, J. L. Dunnell & Son. c. 1. Ingrid Lee, b. 1948. 2. Sigrid Danna, b. 1952. 3. Jay Herman, b. 1955.
2. Frieda Jane, b. Oct. 5, 1927. Secy. Northern Franklin Welfare District Office.
3. Donald Albert, b. Bernardston, May 28, 1929, m. Marjorie Deane, b. Nov. 27, 1931, dau. of Ralph and Rena Mae (Hale) Deane, ggp. Charles Deane* and Warren* and Jennie (Thayer) Hale,* in Bernardston, 1949. Emp. Town of Bernardston.

WILDE, James W., b. England, Oct. 1, 1891, s. of James and Isabella Wilde, m. Florence Allen, b. April 12, 1886, dau. of George and Margaret Ellen Allen in New Bedford, 1915. m.h. 1929. Baker, Mt. Hermon School. c. 1. Milton Allen, b. July 2, 1918.

WILDER, Ruth Mildred, b. Fitzwilliam, N. H., August 14, 1895, dau. of Herbert Elijah and Lucy Relief (Knapp) Wilder. m.h. 1907. Secretary-Bookkeeper, Retired.

WILSON, Mrs. Bertha E., b. Bernardston, April 14, 1889, dau. of Fred B.* and Lucy L. (Gleason) Chase,* gp. Josiah and Maryetta (Wood) Gleason, m. Howard F. Wilson, b. Sept. 30, 1885, s. of Walter and Ida (Pratt) Wilson, in Deerfield, Oct. 21, 1908. He died Aug. 28, 1956. c. 1. Dorothy, b. Aug. 14, 1917. 2. Lucy, b. Mar. 1, 1920. 3. Frederick, b. Apr. 22, 1926.

WITHERELL, Herbert, b. Woodstock, Conn., Jan. 23, 1899, s. of Frank and Elizabeth (Maynard) Witherell, m. Eva Ubare, b. Jan. 2, 1895, dau. of Frank and Maria (Long) Ubare, in Winchendon, 1921. m.h. 1928. 2nd Class Stationary Engineer. c. 1. Ollie Louise, b. June 2, 1922, m. Alvin L. Peabody. 2. Ruth, b. March 6, 1927, m. Robert M. Case.

WOOD, George H., b. Bernardston, Aug. 4, 1907, s. of Henry and Emma (Bassett) Wood, m. Marguerite Jones, b. May 1, 1909, dau. of Elroy and Isabel (Roel) Jones, in Brattleboro, 1943. Finisher, Lunt Silversmiths. Finance Committee.

WOOD, Harold Edward, b. St. Johnsbury, Vt., Aug. 7, 1926, s. of Julian and Edith (Corrow) Wood, m. Claire M. LeSage, b. May 30, 1930, dau. of Arthur R. and Helen (Daignault) LeSage, in North Adams, Sept. 27, 1952. m.h. 1957. Milkman. c. 1. Gary

Edward, b. June 18, 1957. 2. Deborah Anne, b. June 9, 1959.

WOOD, Leon Paul, b. Derby, Vt., Apr. 17, 1897, s. of Justus R. and Jeannette (Davio) Wood, m. Irene Couture, b. March 16, 1905, dau. of Joseph and Rose Delima (Ledoux) Couture, in Greenfield, June 30, 1925. m.h. 1936. Roofer.

WOODARD, Oscar, b. Greenfield, Aug. 26, 1906, s. of Clinton and Belle (Martin) Woodard, m. Lottie Adams, b. Nov. 14, 1913, dau. of William and Ella (Baxter) Adams, in North Adams, April 16, 1932. m.h. 1915. Mechanic. c. 1. Margaret Joan, b. Dec. 31, 1938.

WRIGHT, Florence M., b. Leyden, Oct. 26, 1897, dau. of Albert L. and Eliza (Chapin)* Wright. gp. Alanson and Patience (Fox) Chapin.* m.h. 1914. Secretary at Lunt Silversmiths, Greenfield.

WYATT, Lynn A., b. Gill, Aug. 7, 1899, s. of Nathan J. and Grace Louise (Wilson) Wyatt, m. Georgia L. Boyle, b. Feb. 5, 1902, dau. of William A. and Helen Maria (Hale) Boyle, in Bernardston, 1923. m.h. 1899. Retired Grocer. Treas. Bernardston Fire & Water Dist. Wife: Town Clerk & Treasurer. Children, adopted:

1. Roxana Louise, b. June 17, 1929, m. Dana Barber.
2. Dale Ellis, b. May 17, 1931, m. Kazuko Kamiyama, b. Dec. 17, 1930, in Tokyo, Japan, 1953. U. S. Army. c. 1. Michael Lynn, b. 1957.

The information for the Genealogy Section was obtained from questionnaires sent to every family in town. The response and co-operation were excellent. However, there were some people who did not wish to be listed. Although space in the book did not permit a detailed account of each person, it is hoped that this material will be of value to present and future generations.

DEATHS 1900-1961

1900

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 16 | Cyrus W. Hale | 86 |
| 23 | Daisy May Gates | 7 |
| Feb. 10 | Albert L. Hare | 71 |
| Mar. 10 | Samuel S. Campbell | 50 |
| 19 | Albert G. Chapin | 60 |
| 22 | Benjamin Adams | 80 |
| 30 | Melinda Pratt Kimplin | 66 |
| May 2 | Abigail Willard Stanclift | 84 |
| 3 | Roland Ely Dickenson | 4 mos. |
| 24 | Newton H. Porter | 58 |
| June 14 | Eliza Antoinette Hesse | 71 |
| July 14 | Otto Wiemers | 4 days |
| 31 | Charles C. Tenny | 71 |
| Aug. 10 | Helen Welch Thompson | 63 |
| 11 | Mary Culver Tyler | 79 |
| 17 | Nelson Marsh | 61 |
| Sept. 12 | Arthur Garfield Frizzell | 19 |
| 18 | Luthera Wheeler Adams | 82 |
| Oct. 21 | Lewis Aldrich | 62 |
| Nov. 13 | Martha Holden Alexander | 82 |
| Dec. 9 | Harriet Newell Ashley | 77 |
| 21 | Mary L. K. Harris Cook | 43 |

1901

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------------|----|
| Jan. 15 | Mrs. Maria Miner Davenport | 55 |
| 16 | George Hurd | 63 |
| Feb. 5 | Fred Samuel Atherton | 20 |
| 6 | Polycarpus Loren Cushman | 78 |
| 15 | Rev. Stillman Barber | 82 |
| 19 | Mrs. Ida M. Bardwell Lanphear | 44 |
| Mar. 11 | Emma N. Browne | 10 |
| 16 | David Pratt | 62 |
| June 13 | Mrs. Roxcena Arnold Gray | 71 |
| 15 | Mrs. Theresa Ballard Bascom | 76 |
| July 20 | Florence I. Doolittle | 30 |
| Aug. 1 | Martin R. Kenney | 84 |
| Sept. 1 | Mrs. Elizabeth Hartsough Hare | 63 |
| Oct. 3 | Frank Lorenzo Burrows | 70 |
| Nov. 4 | Mrs. Martha Hammond Whitaker | 75 |
| 9 | Justin M. Slate | 87 |
| Dec. 10 | Emily Hinsdale | 91 |

1902

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 1 | Justice M. Clark | 84 |
| 16 | James M. Hale | 68 |
| Feb. 25 | Walter McKinley Stanclift | 4 mos. |
| 26 | Russell H. Sheldon | 81 |
| Mar. 15 | Earl Frank Deane | 1 mo. |
| 17 | Marshall Slate | 89 |
| 21 | Andrew W. Carson | 29 |
| 30 | Leonard B. Grout | 75 |
| Apr. 16 | Salmon B. Hoyt | 82 |
| 30 | Henry Slate | 86 |
| May 23 | Sara B. Grout | 76 |
| June 5 | Joseph Park | 79 |
| Aug. 12 | Erwin M. Streeter | 32 |
| 21 | Mary Electa Green | 74 |
| 24 | Loretta Prudence Dunklee | 37 |
| Oct. 12 | Mary Ellen Slate Hale | 66 |

1903

| | | |
|---------|------------------------|--------|
| Jan. 17 | Helen Streeter Slate | 58 |
| Feb. 7 | Isaiah Mallory | 77 |
| 11 | Alma A. Denison | 52 |
| 20 | Sarah H. Field | 78 |
| Mar. 28 | Cornelia F. Hale | 77 |
| 31 | Elinor Burr Denison | 4 mos. |
| Apr. 10 | Samuel Stone | 85 |
| May 26 | John Valentine Hale | 90 |
| July 4 | Eunice Peterson Stowe | 60 |
| Sept. 1 | Sarah Warren Lanphear | 82 |
| Oct. 19 | Etta Johnson | 5 |
| Dec. 20 | Jonathan Field Cushman | 81 |
| 25 | Frederick Ralph Park | 66 |

1904

| | | |
|----------|----------------------|----|
| Mar. 15 | Levi Welcome | 59 |
| 30 | Edith Welcome | 8 |
| Apr. 24 | Arnold H. Scott | 78 |
| July 18 | Joseph Wells | 63 |
| Sept. 10 | George W. Aldrich | 39 |
| 20 | Emily D. Lashua | 26 |
| 25 | Infant Cook | 0 |
| 28 | David Chapin | 77 |
| Oct. 20 | Seth Hale | 84 |
| Nov. 1 | Calvin Perham | 50 |
| 28 | Tryphena Chapin Park | 77 |
| Dec. 9 | Mary E. Stevens | 55 |
| 9 | Samuel C. Connable | 79 |
| 13 | Marcia Gray Park | 82 |

1905

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 19 | Edward Bruce Doolittle | 29 |
| Feb. 23 | Rosella F. Bagg | 83 |
| May 14 | Rodney R. Park | 88 |
| 22 | Edwin H. Tottingham | 14 |
| June 17 | Ella Sophia Stratton | 52 |
| Sept. 27 | Gilbert Asa Barber | 74 |
| Oct. 16 | John Burk Field | 81 |
| Nov. 3 | Lincoln Gunn Newton | 33 |

1906

| | | |
|---------|---------------------|--------|
| Jan. 20 | Edward A. Holton | 70 |
| Feb. 5 | Ernest F. Hunt | 2 |
| Mar. 17 | Ebenezer S. Hulbert | 85 |
| 23 | George Hayes | 36 |
| 27 | Raymond R. Clark | 7 days |
| Apr. 10 | Samuel E. Taylor | 32 |
| June 1 | William Kuph | 21 |
| 23 | Emma C. Grout | 45 |
| Sept. 5 | John Fairman | 85 |
| 29 | Walter B. Clark | 6 mos. |
| Nov. 2 | Mabel S. Chase | 29 |
| 13 | Luther O. Chapin | 28 |
| Dec. 10 | Charles Bowker | 82 |
| 20 | Loren Ryther | 89 |
| 22 | Johnathan H. Lander | 78 |

1907

| | | |
|---------|----------------------------|----------|
| Jan. 3 | Mrs. Mary Philemon James | 63 |
| 17 | Jesse Edson Gates | 85 |
| 31 | Horace Mallory | 79 |
| Feb. 25 | Infant Flagg | 16 hours |
| Mar. 26 | Stella May Ryther | 12 days |
| 27 | Mrs. Abbie Sandin | 86 |
| Apr. 7 | Ralph Wells Allis | 72 |
| June 7 | Gladys B. Pratt | 5 |
| 27 | Marion E. Lanphear | 22 |
| July 19 | Leslie William Meuse | 15 |
| Oct. 2 | Earl Donald Bliss | 9 mos. |
| Nov. 12 | Aretus L. Denison | 63 |
| 20 | George Almon Hale | 2 mos. |
| Dec. 14 | Mrs. Eunice Burrows Ryther | 79 |
| 23 | Albert Brown Warner | 54 |

1908

| | | |
|---------|------------------------|----|
| Jan. 18 | Hester Smead Guillow | 81 |
| Feb. 13 | Alice Dould Tottingham | 47 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Apr. 15 | Elmina Ball Barber | 85 |
| 17 | William Benway | 20 |
| May 1 | Clarence J. Ryther | 51 |
| 15 | S. Louise Allen Root | 48 |
| July 1 | Catherine S. Slate | 85 |
| 19 | Edmund L. Field | 75 |
| Nov. 3 | Charles Frary | 74 |
| 12 | Grace Stanclift Blanchard | 36 |
| 17 | Harriet Noyes Packer | 55 |
| Dec. 22 | Ann Summers | 79 |

1909

| | | |
|---------|-----------------------|--------|
| Mar. 3 | Ida R. Chapin | 39 |
| 16 | Infant Aldrich | 6 days |
| 17 | John Benton Baker | 71 |
| 20 | Paul Jones Allen | 82 |
| 26 | Martha Chapin Aldrich | 74 |
| 29 | Gordon Carpenter | 4 days |
| June 22 | Walter Wilson | 49 |
| Dec. 27 | Lorenzo Hale | 85 |

1910

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| Feb. 8 | Almira Barber Hale | 87 |
| 19 | Clarence Chapin | 55 |
| 21 | Harriet Dawes Bowker | 79 |
| Mar. 1 | Samuel Hall Atherton | 89 |
| 22 | Philena Chapin Whitman | 79 |
| 26 | Marietta C. Chapin | 75 |
| Apr. 14 | Martin VanBuren Stanclift | 72 |
| June 17 | Abbie Jones Aldrich | 79 |
| 20 | Charles Blanchard | 50 |
| 24 | Edgar Lamprey | 9 |
| July 11 | Permelia Miner Chapin | 71 |
| Aug. 31 | Ruth Gertrude Hubbard | 16 mos. |
| Oct. 18 | Marion Plummer Atherton | 91 |
| Nov. 1 | Edwin Ward Hartwell | 75 |
| 28 | Charles P. Guillow | 94 |
| 29 | William Struthers | 81 |
| Dec. 8 | Cyrenius Merrifield | 82 |
| 24 | Mary Stetson Davenport | 90 |

1911

| | | |
|---------|-----------------------|----|
| Feb. 7 | Mrs. Lila E. Johnson | 47 |
| Mar. 11 | Mrs. Emily C. Crowell | 86 |
| 23 | Azariah R. Barber | 87 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Apr. 28 | Winifred Park | 1 mo. |
| June 2 | Edgar J. Guillow | 60 |
| July 4 | George W. Johnson | 53 |
| Aug. 5 | Mrs. Mary Matosky | 72 |
| Sept. 3 | Rev. David Cronyn | 72 |
| 19 | Josiah P. Day | 74 |
| Oct. 7 | Mrs. Esther A. Burrington | 73 |
| 15 | Mrs. Julia S. Hale | 75 |
| Nov. 24 | Mrs. Amoret H. Dickenson | 91 |
| Dec. 17 | John Matosky | 64 |

1912

| | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|----|
| Jan. 22 | Mrs. Emma Carroll Pratt | 39 |
| Feb. 3 | William Summers | 83 |
| 20 | William Clark | 69 |
| Mar. 20 | Mrs. Sarah J. Gates | 82 |
| May 16 | Gardner J. Oakes | 71 |
| July 6 | Ormando Wyllis Gray | 83 |
| Aug. 26 | Mrs. Elizabeth Holton Slate | 82 |
| Sept. 4 | Moses R. Nelson | 71 |
| 28 | William Stark | 84 |
| Oct. 14 | Ezekiel C. Hale | 83 |
| Dec. 18 | Mrs. Lucy M. Chase | 87 |

1913

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------|--------|
| Jan. 7 | George H. Bixby | 85 |
| 12 | Mrs. Josephine A. Kimplin | 61 |
| 15 | Horace A. Smith | 87 |
| Feb. 26 | Mrs. Alice L. Whitney | 50 |
| Mar. 6 | Alanson P. Hale | 77 |
| 6 | Mrs. Janette S. Hale | 78 |
| Apr. 13 | Ethel May Parks | 7 mos. |
| May 14 | Mrs. Laura B. Hulbert | 83 |
| 26 | Mrs. Sarah M. Smith | 47 |
| June 1 | Clarence Porter | 0 |
| July 3 | Anna Zuline Steadman | 25 |
| 8 | Benjamin G. Waterman | 23 |
| Aug. 5 | Luke F. Allen | 81 |
| Sept. 19 | Ellen C. Potter | 79 |
| 20 | Henry C. Kimplin | 59 |
| Oct. 21 | Una Elisabeth Roy | 4 mos. |
| Nov. 22 | Nellie E. Slate | 63 |
| 26 | Margaret Clark | 2 |
| Dec. 10 | Henry Clark | 65 |
| 13 | Elna V. Adams | 17 |
| 19 | Henry Higinbotham | 56 |

1914

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 26 | Mrs. Lucretia Granger | 86 |
| Feb. 11 | Rev. Henry M. Douglas | 68 |
| Mar. 9 | Mary D. Warner | 69 |
| 17 | Reyburn A. Clark | 6 |
| Apr. 17 | Henry F. Wood | 44 |
| May 2 | Ira Whitman | 94 |
| 17 | Mrs. Kittie Carlisle | 46 |
| 22 | Mrs. Lucy A. Doolittle | 69 |
| July 7 | Henry O. Root | 83 |
| 16 | Mrs. Ida P. Dunklee | 47 |
| 28 | Alfred D. Flagg | 54 |
| 31 | Chas. W. Whipple | 52 |
| Sept. 18 | Moses Aldrich | 87 |
| Oct. 3 | Edgar J. Wheeler | 57 |
| Oct. 29 | Charles L. Stanclift | 54 |
| Dec. 1 | Donald M. Keet | 2 |

1915

| | | |
|----------|---------------------|--------|
| Jan. 7 | Armenia B. Cushman | 89 |
| Feb. 3 | Walter H. Kenney | 60 |
| 14 | Ellen A. Shattuck | 83 |
| 17 | Alfred L. King | 58 |
| Mar. 23 | Selena M. Oakes | 75 |
| 24 | Elvira C. Dennett | 80 |
| Apr. 22 | Peter Benoit | 73 |
| May 2 | Edward Doolittle | 72 |
| 26 | Alpheus A. Dennett | 81 |
| June 29 | Florence Hocumb | 32 |
| July 2 | Elinor B. Slate | 56 |
| Sept. 27 | Josefa Kamitch | 7 mos. |
| Oct. 6 | Charles F. Dodge | 81 |
| 25 | Sylvester Slate | 87 |
| 29 | Carlton Hubbard | 11 |
| Nov. 17 | Edward N. Carson | 39 |
| Dec. 16 | Joseph O. Carpenter | 88 |

1916

| | | |
|---------|------------------------|----|
| Jan. 1 | Lucy H. Warner | 66 |
| Feb. 7 | Albert J. Farnsworth | 74 |
| Mar. 6 | Edward E. Benjamin | 59 |
| 10 | Martha A. Frary | 87 |
| Apr. 24 | Jane Tower Davis | 62 |
| May 3 | Martin V. B. Davenport | 81 |
| 21 | Frederick M. Frizzell | 72 |
| 29 | Warren M. Hale | 71 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Oct. 9 | Sarah R. Allen | 88 |
| 22 | Luther B. Stewart | 92 |
| Nov. 8 | Helen M. Taylor | 72 |
| Dec. 20 | Charlotte Fiske Slate | 94 |

1917

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------|----|
| Jan. 1 | Mrs. Georgianna Nelson | 71 |
| 18 | Servetus Wilcox | 67 |
| Feb. 20 | Mrs. Hattie Allis | 67 |
| May 16 | Maria C. Sanderson | 61 |
| 29 | Mrs. Nettie Barber | 46 |
| 29 | Mrs. Arvilla Y. Keet | 70 |
| June 14 | Mrs. Mary L. Clark | 63 |
| 19 | Mrs. Louise Busch | 62 |
| July 31 | Mrs. Mary R. Bliss | 68 |
| Aug. 6 | Mrs. Sibyl C. Ellinwood | 68 |
| Dec. 2 | Mrs. Luella M. Nicklaw | 43 |
| 20 | Willard Frank Wilbur | 93 |
| 24 | Newton Carson | 69 |

1918

| | | |
|---------|---------------------|---------|
| Jan. 14 | George A. Brick | 69 |
| 30 | William C. Marvel | 76 |
| Feb. 20 | Roxy Pierce | 26 |
| Mar. 9 | Arthur F. Wells | 81 |
| 14 | Elizabeth A. Joslyn | 81 |
| May 1 | James Manson | Unknown |
| 10 | Rachel F. Barrett | 90 |
| Aug. 4 | Galutia P. Newton | 77 |
| Sept. 3 | Mary C. Snow | 82 |
| 8 | Frank Miller | 6 mos. |
| 14 | Anne Croft | 3 |
| Oct. 1 | William Wheeler | 6 |
| 13 | Abbie H. Parmenter | 85 |
| 14 | Martin Kozik | 34 |
| 15 | Leon L. Doolittle | 38 |
| 21 | Infant Clark | 2 hours |
| 31 | Clara E. Martin | 35 |
| Nov. 1 | Helen Plimpton | 3 mos. |
| 19 | Robert J. Markle | 1 mo. |
| 20 | Eva G. Farnsworth | 63 |

1919

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------|----|
| Jan. 28 | Charles D. Warner | 63 |
| Mar. 30 | Henry S. Keet | 77 |
| Apr. 1 | Horace S. Browning | 70 |
| 27 | Louenza (Collor) Wilbur | 85 |
| May 30 | Abbott Channing Browne | 70 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|------------|
| June 7 | Baxter P. Burrows | 71 |
| 18 | Laura Brown Cushman | 78 |
| 21 | Zina E. Cobb | 58 |
| July 30 | Jennie C. Montague | 51 |
| Oct. 11 | Ella Elvira Nevins | 49 |
| 20 | Clara E. Slate | 87 |
| Nov. 7 | Warren Emmerson Love | 42 |
| Dec. 11 | Kate M. Crowell | 64 |
| 23 | Frank A. Cory | 64 |

1920

| | | |
|---------|-----------------------|-------|
| Feb. 20 | Oliver F. Aldrich | 63 |
| Mar. 6 | Stella B. Gruszkowski | 1 mo. |
| 15 | Joseph H. Adams | 74 |
| Apr. 2 | George W. Grant | 75 |
| 19 | Lydia S. Nash | 80 |
| 28 | Frank Russell Tobin | 67 |
| May 10 | Charles Wheeler Adams | 72 |
| 15 | Mary Ann Euda | 89 |
| June 11 | Jane M. Stoddard | 77 |
| Oct. 4 | LaFayette Whithed | 83 |
| Nov. 22 | Ida L. Humes | 57 |
| Dec. 14 | Adelbert S. Atherton | 70 |
| 26 | Emma J. Aldrich | 68 |
| 30 | Grace Leverne Nelson | 6 |

1921

| | | |
|---------|------------------------|-------|
| Jan. 9 | Richard Taft Grover | 1 mo. |
| Mar. 11 | Lenie A. Slate | 84 |
| May 10 | Lilla J. (White) Mowry | 67 |
| July 28 | Lucy E. (Hale) Chapin | 73 |
| Aug. 13 | Carrie D. Warner | 64 |
| Sept. 7 | Addie T. (Slate) Flagg | 53 |
| Nov. 19 | Alta C. (Tyler) Clark | 65 |

1922

| | | |
|---------|----------------------|----|
| Jan. 21 | Henry Clay Cushman | 85 |
| 22 | Sarah E. Bixby | 85 |
| Mar. 5 | Elizabeth L. Denison | 47 |
| 21 | Martha L. Stratton | 92 |
| Apr. 9 | Edwin H. Tottingham | 73 |
| 22 | Alton Flagg | 31 |
| May 6 | Abigail M. Barber | 82 |
| 20 | Ransom L. Crowell | 92 |
| June 27 | Lucy F. Burrows | 69 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| July 13 | John E. Davis | 69 |
| Oct. 15 | Alice Carll Lee | 58 |
| Nov. 24 | Edson W. Hale | 73 |
| 30 | Alfred M. Stratton | 95 |
| Dec. 22 | William J. Stanford | 66 |
| 25 | Harriet C. Brown | 84 |

1923

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|----|
| Jan. 8 | Lucian M. Hale | 46 |
| 8 | Lucy A. Wheeler | 47 |
| 13 | Rosella Stanclift | 81 |
| 24 | Martha Ann Smith | 95 |
| Feb. 3 | William H. Mayo | 82 |
| 6 | Nellie C. (Marble) Markle | 37 |
| 15 | Albert C. Green | 78 |
| 17 | Ellen Pratt | 74 |
| Mar. 29 | Henrietta W. Hale | 86 |
| June 13 | Robert E. Bartlett | 61 |
| 25 | Nancy J. (Saxton) Belmont | 78 |
| July 22 | Alonzo Lyman Saxton | 71 |
| 27 | Helen Louise Phelps | 0 |
| Aug. 30 | Etta L. Chapin | 54 |
| Sept. 3 | Ella S. Shears | 70 |
| Nov. 8 | Elizabeth H. Wright | 83 |
| 23 | George F. Shears | 67 |
| Dec. 16 | Margaret E. Saxton | 68 |
| 24 | Ethel B. Tyler | 30 |
| 24 | Edward D. Tyler | 1 |

1924

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------|--------|
| Jan. 25 | Antoinette Lucille Greenwood | 4 mos. |
| Feb. 7 | Ruth Lynde | 0 |
| May 9 | Edwin Burrows Hale | 66 |
| 23 | Eugene Munson Frary | 70 |
| June 20 | Anna Bitzer | 74 |
| Sept. 4 | Alice May Thurber | 2 |
| 15 | Eva May Cairns | 60 |
| Oct. 2 | Michael Mullin | 80 |
| 7 | Infant Sprague | 0 |
| 25 | John Sak, Jr. | 21 |
| 27 | Lura E. Eldred | 45 |
| Dec. 2 | Caroline C. Smith | 50 |
| 2 | James Rogerson | 57 |
| 6 | Fannie M. Martindale Shedd | 33 |
| 23 | Elizabeth H. Root | 50 |
| 26 | Bernice Cairns Crowell | 37 |

1925

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Jan. 8 | Zella Reid Cronyn | 47 |
| 12 | Oliver Trudeau | 74 |
| 21 | Rev. Richard E. Birks | 78 |
| Mar. 2 | Alice A. Flagg | 26 |
| 9 | Mary J. Mackay | 51 |
| Apr. 10 | Calvin D. Barber | 2 |
| 12 | Mary G. Cairns | 75 |
| May 10 | Antoinette M. Allen | 82 |
| July 5 | Martha Lucy Fleck | 6 hours |
| 20 | William C. Damon | 20 |
| 25 | Myron H. Joslyn | 57 |
| Sept. 8 | Lillian A. Belden | 70 |
| Nov. 8 | Alice A. Stratton | 21 |
| 19 | Frank A. Damon | 53 |

1926

| | | |
|---------|----------------------|--------|
| Jan. 26 | Ruth I. Martin | 4 days |
| Mar. 3 | Joseph B. Martin | 80 |
| Apr. 4 | Helen Louise Kimplin | 7 mos. |
| 17 | Henry Fountain, Jr. | 8 mos. |
| 26 | Beatrice D. Palmer | 2 |
| May 14 | Ellery H. Sanderson | 72 |
| June 4 | Sara H. Frary | 75 |
| 21 | Harold Almon Flagg | 8 days |
| July 21 | Hattie Frizzell | 72 |
| Oct. 12 | Vincent Mlejnek | 64 |
| 12 | Alma O. Root | 92 |
| Nov. 10 | Frank E. Green | 71 |

1927

| | | |
|---------|----------------------------|--------|
| Jan. 3 | George Wells Frary | 82 |
| Apr. 14 | Arthur I. Cushman | 73 |
| May 7 | Mary T. Gallagher | 3 mos. |
| 20 | Myron L. Corbett | 82 |
| 25 | Cora Adeline Sprague | 0 |
| June 4 | Joseph John Sullivan | 0 |
| 9 | Sarah A. (Stockwell) Lewis | 49 |
| 26 | Ida H. (Warner) Belden | 79 |
| July 18 | Ida Maria Bartlett | 70 |
| Aug. 24 | Aurelia E. Parmenter | 95 |
| Oct. 30 | Rosa Fidelia Pickett | 68 |
| Nov. 24 | Helen M. Messer | 63 |
| Dec. 1 | Charles A. Clark | 76 |
| 24 | Herbert E. Wilder | 75 |

1928

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Feb. 8 | John E. B. Field | 69 |
| 17 | Mary A. Martindale | 74 |
| Mar. 13 | Annie N. Gray | 54 |
| Apr. 1 | Nancy B. (Barber) Parker | 55 |
| 2 | Dorothy French | 0 |
| 15 | Mary S. Corbett | 84 |
| July 3 | Hartley Ellingwood | 85 |
| 8 | Sarah A. Poulter | 81 |
| 15 | Lucy A. Haskell Day | 90 |
| Nov. 18 | Norman Eugene Deane | 8 days |
| 22 | Florence L. Nelson | 2 |
| 27 | Margaret W. L. Birks | 79 |

1929

| | | |
|---------|--------------------|-------|
| Jan. 1 | Jennie M. Hale | 78 |
| Feb. 1 | Ellsworth Shaw | 66 |
| 2 | Frank Kmiec | 12 |
| Mar. 21 | Jennie C. O'Gilvie | 68 |
| 28 | Frederick B. Chase | 74 |
| May 5 | Robert McGann | 51 |
| 10 | Joseph McGrath | 1 mo. |
| Aug. 31 | Caroline A. Barber | 70 |
| Nov. 21 | Mary M. Tobin | 78 |
| 26 | Grace L. Wyatt | 53 |
| Dec. 26 | Howard M. Higby | 83 |

1930

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------|--------|
| Jan. 4 | Edwin Charles Messer | 69 |
| 4 | Harold French | 2 days |
| 11 | Charles O. Cook | 78 |
| 20 | Erma Jaqueth Bernhard | 28 |
| 23 | Lila May Tacy | 55 |
| Feb. 12 | Elizabeth M. Field | 14 |
| Apr. 10 | Elizabeth Etta Marshall | 61 |
| 13 | Nellie Newcomb | 38 |
| June 14 | Jeannie M. Snow | 76 |
| 25 | Annie Josephine McHugh | 44 |
| Sept. 7 | Ida V. Tobin | 70 |
| 11 | Annie Flood McHugh | 79 |
| 25 | Estella McClure | 72 |
| Nov. 18 | Chester Allen | 7 |
| Dec. 26 | Horace Ball Morell | 76 |

1931

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Mar. 28 | Edward Clifton Martindale | 72 |
| Apr. 9 | Ernest Clifford French, Jr. | 6 |
| 9 | Infant Prentice | 0 |
| 11 | Anna Mary Prentice | 41 |
| May 24 | Florinda McIndoe Lee | 61 |
| June 24 | Addie P. Barrett Frary | 77 |
| Sept. 10 | Harold Cairns | 38 |
| Oct. 5 | Lillian A. Merrifield | 75 |
| 24 | Mary L. Wilder Hills | 74 |
| 25 | Mary Gast | 82 |
| Dec. 12 | Julia Trudeau | 77 |
| 18 | Corrie I. Merrifield | 87 |

1932

| | | |
|---------|----------------------------|--------|
| Jan. 27 | Benjamin F. Denison | 86 |
| Feb. 22 | Charles Henry Kimplin | 8 mos. |
| Mar. 1 | George M. Parmenter | 85 |
| 11 | William H. Taylor | 87 |
| 28 | Egbert Elmore Cairns | 77 |
| June 7 | Infant Lenois | 0 |
| July 13 | Jennie A. Tobin Worssam | 53 |
| Nov. 5 | Elizabeth B. Worth Cutting | 65 |
| 18 | Luther C. Jillson | 81 |
| Dec. 27 | Infant Madden | 0 |
| 29 | Gertrude E. McHugh Madden | 43 |

1933

| | | |
|----------|------------------------|----|
| Jan. 1 | Sophia Kozik | 85 |
| 12 | Isaac B. Snow | 82 |
| Apr. 2 | Carroll W. Franklin | 46 |
| May 1 | Richard P. Day | 3 |
| 18 | William Henry Smith | 72 |
| 24 | Nellie P. Hale | 73 |
| June 15 | Carrie E. Harris | 74 |
| July 6 | Bertha Browning Morton | 53 |
| 22 | Edna Berthiaume | 1 |
| 28 | John L. Mansir | 57 |
| Sept. 12 | Mary E. Andrews | 82 |
| Nov. 14 | Mary A. Wilcox | 75 |
| Dec. 7 | Edward E. Hale | 84 |

1934

| | | |
|---------|--------------------|----|
| Feb. 11 | John Morley | 0 |
| 21 | John Martin Haigis | 63 |
| 24 | Albert LaValley | 21 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Apr. 4 | George P. Morton | 75 |
| 7 | Margaret Bitzer Haigis | 75 |
| 18 | Lee O. Bowman | 63 |
| May 8 | John Matosky | 35 |
| June 25 | Infant Pervere | 0 |
| July 23 | Louis Brazeau | 68 |
| 25 | Emile Charles Nicolos Thieband | 58 |
| Aug. 1 | Ella Bliss Rogerson | 58 |
| 23 | Henry L. Smith | 77 |
| Dec. 16 | Sarah M. Bain Field | 67 |

1935

| | | |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Feb. 10 | Frederick E. H. Allen | 62 |
| Mar. 22 | Francis Louis Lenois | 18 |
| Apr. 6 | George A. Dunklee | 79 |
| 23 | Frank R. Foster | 68 |
| June 3 | Edward J. Sanderson | 82 |
| 24 | Elmer E. French | 74 |
| 24 | Mary L. (Sprague) Deane | 79 |
| July 30 | Lillian J. (Gower) Perry | 52 |
| Aug. 3 | Infant Raymond | 0 |
| 4 | Richard Forbes | 4 |
| 10 | Margaret McDonald | 32 |
| 27 | Roger Erwin Kimplin | 12 hours |
| Sept. 18 | George Lynde | 70 |
| 19 | Pauline (Galet) Sak | 63 |
| Oct. 12 | Charles S. Barber | 83 |
| 24 | Russell Ernest Kimplin | 1 mo. |
| Dec. 30 | Orah D. Snow | 8 mos. |

1936

| | | |
|----------|--------------------------|----|
| Jan. 26 | Annie J. Browning | 82 |
| Feb. 23 | Charles O. Rosendahl | 64 |
| Mar. 13 | Kenneth Eastman Gale | 19 |
| 17 | Fred Roland | 70 |
| 26 | Lillian M. Gaines | 69 |
| 27 | Margaret Coughlin Joslyn | 69 |
| Apr. 17 | Lucy H. Butterfield | 80 |
| 22 | Martha Harris | 80 |
| May 10 | Charles E. Gordon | 62 |
| June 7 | Norman A. Nelson | 19 |
| 26 | Charles D. Porter | 81 |
| Aug. 15 | Milia Allen Atherton | 78 |
| 21 | Jacob Lotter | 81 |
| Sept. 14 | Percival M. Humes | 50 |
| 21 | Grace G. James Martin | 47 |
| Nov. 17 | Paul William Merritt | 0 |
| Dec. 16 | Napoleon LaValley | 62 |

1937

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|------------|
| Jan. 2 | Frank Henry Phelps | 21 |
| Feb. 7 | Frank O. Root | 77 |
| Mar. 21 | Oscar H. Stevens | 83 |
| May 25 | Mary Perkins Switzer | 55 |
| 28 | Fayette Whithed | 23 |
| June 15 | Harriet Chapin | 75 |
| 28 | Loren Wilcox Gould | 66 |
| July 27 | Perley O. Ward | 58 |
| Sept. 25 | Dean Carter | 4 mos. |
| 26 | Vera Clark Kimplin | 28 |
| Oct. 9 | George H. Nelson | 76 |
| Oct. 15 | Henry L. Crowell | 77 |
| Nov. 29 | Albert L. Wright | 81 |

1938

| | | |
|---------|---------------------|----|
| Apr. 23 | Elizabeth Cook | 75 |
| 28 | Fred Barber Denison | 70 |
| May 4 | Mary Frances Alden | 60 |
| June 11 | Anne Losossa | 20 |
| July 2 | Herbert D. Andrews | 89 |
| Sept. 5 | William H. Farmer | 69 |
| 24 | Willard H. Pierce | 74 |
| Oct. 14 | Walter L. Beebe | 73 |
| Nov. 14 | Fred Balch | 78 |

1939

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------|----|
| Jan. 7 | Walter W. Wilder | 71 |
| 22 | Maria Chapin Wright | 74 |
| Feb. 10 | George L. Jillson | 43 |
| 16 | Lucy L. Chase | 85 |
| June 5 | George W. Sharron | 54 |
| Sept. 8 | Leone McClary Hadley | 48 |
| 23 | Sarah A. Holden Smith | 83 |
| Oct. 4 | John V. Randropp | 54 |
| 7 | Alexander Lenois | 84 |
| 21 | Julia Arlene Nutting | 47 |
| 21 | Walter Asa Nutting | 54 |
| 29 | Leighton Mark Stanbridge | 69 |
| Nov. 6 | Jane Elizabeth Bowman | 85 |
| 8 | Minnie Hastings Clark | 67 |
| 20 | Everett D. Stratton | 75 |
| Dec. 10 | William A. Boyle | 78 |

1940

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 11 | Alfred M. Griswold | 82 |
| 19 | Nellie M. Gray Pierce | 73 |
| Feb. 8 | Treffie P. Facticeau | 67 |
| 27 | Eliza M. Chapin Wright | 78 |
| Mar. 19 | Emma Dean Hale | 87 |
| Nov. 4 | William Scott Wright | 79 |

1941

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Jan. 30 | Charles Weber | 60 |
| 31 | Nellie Elvira (Johnson) Clark | 64 |
| Feb. 8 | Charles H. Whitaker | 75 |
| Mar. 10 | John W. Chapin | 82 |
| 20 | Harold Leslie Ryther | 5 mos. |
| Apr. 15 | Chester W. Reed | 80 |
| 26 | Ellen Elizabeth (Lane) Slate | 72 |
| 29 | Rebecca Jane Magoon | 17 |
| May 10 | Rev. David W. Lovett | 69 |
| 11 | Irene Gates Whithed | 7 hours |
| 13 | Mary Hattie (Whipple) Smith | 60 |
| 23 | Charles R. Hills | 89 |
| July 24 | Waldruff Patterson | 12 |
| 30 | Irving Hastings | 64 |
| Sept. 9 | Carrie V. (Carpenter) Bowman | 67 |
| Oct. 4 | Lewis L. Jillson | 57 |
| 20 | Aimee N. Whithed | 75 |
| Nov. 20 | Sarah Ellen (Salisbury) Kaye | 79 |
| 25 | Marion (Walker) Morse | 70 |
| Dec. 12 | Rebecca Jean Franklin | 7 days |

1942

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------|----|
| Mar. 1 | Joseph Landon Grover | 68 |
| Apr. 7 | Edward J. McMurdy | 59 |
| 22 | Edgar Chapin | 74 |
| May 27 | Andrew Gruszkowski | 74 |
| June 12 | Carrie A. Powell | 77 |
| 15 | Cleveland Lynde | 58 |
| Aug. 23 | Marion Lottie (Abbott) Flagg | 46 |
| Dec. 2 | Mary G. (Gale) Flint | 75 |

1943

| | | |
|--------|--------------------------------|----|
| Jan. 7 | Irena M. (Adams) Clapp | 68 |
| 13 | Rachel Louise (Bellows) Parker | 85 |
| 16 | Edna (Miller) Adams | 85 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Mar. 13 | Hattie (Pratt) Whitney | 66 |
| Apr. 11 | Wilfred A. Lenois | 67 |
| May 22 | David Leon Phelps | 3 |
| 23 | Grace E. (Allen) Barber | 81 |
| 29 | Ervin Leslie Barber | 75 |
| June 5 | Frederick W. Houston | 31 |
| 22 | Mary A. (Nims) Fuller | 84 |
| 29 | Nettie G. Snow | 25 |
| July 3 | Nettie T. (Davis) Denison | 65 |
| Oct. 21 | John Coffin Tibbetts | 76 |
| Nov. 16 | Georgianna (Sherman) Bitzer | 67 |
| Dec. 4 | Alan Richard Knowlton | 1 |
| 26 | Bessie (Hamlin) VanValkenburgh | 57 |
| 29 | Etta (Delvey) Chapin | 79 |

1944

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------|----|
| Jan. 2 | Fred A. Wright | 58 |
| 13 | Florence L. Douglas | 68 |
| Feb. 20 | Charles Kaye | 82 |
| 28 | Nathan Wyatt | 76 |
| May 3 | Nettie (Clark) Bardwell | 65 |
| 6 | George E. Thurber | 78 |
| 21 | Rhoda Slate | 85 |
| Aug. 1 | Thomas Andrew Clark | 82 |
| Sept. 24 | Lavalette Scott | 64 |
| Oct. 5 | Clement Andrew Sharpe | 60 |

1945

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------|----|
| Jan. 25 | Lizzie Burrington Cushman | 75 |
| Feb. 10 | Guy Houghton Shedd | 83 |
| Mar. 4 | William Justin Guyette | 51 |
| 6 | Clarence E. Marshall | 0 |
| Apr. 7 | Lucy R. Knapp Wilder | 86 |
| 10 | Marcia E. Lyon | 81 |
| 12 | Harriett Hope Sheppey | 87 |
| 16 | Frank Adams | 60 |
| 26 | Susan Dunklee Wood | 56 |
| May 1 | Marguerite Foster Morton | 34 |
| 14 | George Edward Halford | 78 |
| July 4 | Alice Molton Carson | 87 |
| Aug. 18 | Herbert Slate | 44 |
| Oct. 16 | William J. Purrington | 86 |
| Nov. 13 | Infant Hale | 0 |
| Dec. 10 | Kenneth Franklin Deane | 35 |
| Dec. 18 | Victoria Breen | 2 |

1946

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Feb. 7 | Cora Holden Hayden | 91 |
| 9 | Frank John Kmiec | 72 |
| 12 | John Luther Dunnell | 82 |
| 18 | Mary Jane Welch | 99 |
| 22 | Mary E. Ryther | 69 |
| Mar. 1 | Angie S. Brooks Haradon | 80 |
| 26 | Martin E. Whitney | 83 |
| Apr. 1 | Willis F. Herrick | 61 |
| May 11 | John J. Gruszkowski | 63 |
| 30 | Harry Long | 63 |
| Sept. 19 | Albert J. Thayer | 86 |
| Oct. 1 | Fred H. Plympton | 70 |
| 29 | Edward William Humes | 89 |
| Nov. 16 | Charles W. Krueger | 72 |
| 21 | Joseph L. Bunevich | 53 |

1947

| | | |
|---------|---------------------------------|----|
| Mar. 4 | Nellie M. Hale Boyle | 74 |
| Apr. 16 | Charles Webster Deane | 98 |
| 16 | Hope E. Cushman | 85 |
| May 12 | Clinton V. Woodard | 65 |
| June 13 | Faith Johnson | — |
| Oct. 1 | Octave Duprey | 87 |
| 8 | Carrie M. Hamilton McCloud | 60 |
| Nov. 24 | Leslie Thayer | 88 |
| Dec. 30 | Bessie Estella Powell Macdonald | 68 |

1948

| | | |
|----------|--------------------------|----|
| Jan. 5 | Nathan Bradford Rogers | 76 |
| 28 | Harry D. Baker | 69 |
| Feb. 22 | Laurie L. Harris | 55 |
| June 17 | Edwin W. F. Dyer | 60 |
| 25 | Infant Sullivan | 0 |
| 25 | Mary Viola Sullivan | 0 |
| Aug. 14 | Grace A. Thayer Deane | 65 |
| 27 | Edith Nye Hale | 75 |
| Sept. 20 | Myron Austin Shaw | 79 |
| Oct. 13 | David Henry Erving | 75 |
| Nov. 14 | Cora J. Bowers Lenois | 59 |
| 23 | Margaret V. Nolan Finnen | 69 |

1949

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------|----|
| Jan. 16 | Mary Elvira (Stone) Streeter | 82 |
| Feb. 12 | Nora H. Cowan | 92 |
| Mar. 25 | Laura Kenney Wright | 70 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| June 7 | Ernest J. Bartlett | 71 |
| Sept. 21 | Raymond A. Griswold | 56 |
| Nov. 18 | Philip William Cadran | 68 |
| 21 | Robert M. Nelson | 42 |
| Dec. 1 | Edward Francis Thayer | 5 mos. |
| 8 | Elizabeth B. O'Neil Cadran | 67 |
| 12 | Jennie M. Wise | 90 |

1950

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------|----|
| Feb. 1 | Elisa Knott Otto | 86 |
| Mar. 22 | William Wilson Smith | 75 |
| May 3 | May Stratton Warner | 80 |
| July 14 | Etta B. Holcomb Felter | 58 |
| 24 | Nellie Doolittle Hackley | 68 |
| 28 | Philip J. Sullivan | 26 |
| 31 | Clarence Dwight Pratt | 78 |
| Aug. 10 | Gladys Bruffee Flagg | 43 |
| 24 | Rev. Margaret Bowers Barnard | 90 |
| Oct. 16 | Lewis Dwight Slate | 87 |
| 26 | Georgianna Nelson Herrick | 38 |
| Dec. 29 | William Emory Judd | 92 |

1951

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Jan. 20 | Harold Hulbert Denison | 61 |
| Feb. 2 | Edith Louise Barber | 65 |
| Mar. 2 | George Willard Parmenter | 96 |
| 4 | Alta J. Denison | 74 |
| Apr. 8 | Clarence Wilkinson | 63 |
| 23 | Herbert Loren Ryther | 85 |
| May 4 | Ellen S. Birks | 69 |
| July 13 | Louis Clark | 2 days |
| Sept. 19 | Leola Andrews | 60 |
| Oct. 14 | Carrie Louise Park | 66 |
| Nov. 12 | Winnie Galutia Newton | 70 |
| 30 | Martha Elizabeth Blinn Lamont | 64 |
| Dec. 21 | George Augustus Parker | 84 |
| 31 | Katherine A. Gaul Davis | 83 |

1952

| | | |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Jan. 16 | Infant Streeter | Stillborn |
| Feb. 4 | Cora Nellie Day Townsend | 76 |
| June 6 | Grace Edith Raymond | 68 |
| 10 | Frank Lyndon McCloud | 76 |
| 27 | Charles Stewart Erving | 74 |
| Sept. 21 | Stella Geneva Thompson Livermore | 70 |
| Oct. 28 | Infant Shippee | Stillborn |
| Nov. 12 | Eugene Crawford Pease | 20 |
| Dec. 18 | Julia Burr Denison | 85 |

1953

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 1 | Leon Otis Burrows | 69 |
| 9 | Ernest G. Schaufus | 60 |
| Feb. 2 | Lottie A. (Young) Tomkins | 81 |
| 25 | Edward Suffern Felter | 92 |
| Mar. 21 | Infant Hale | 1 hour |
| 25 | Infant Grover | 0 |
| 31 | Joseph Couture | 86 |
| Apr. 3 | George C. Denison | 71 |
| 8 | John Foster Anderson | 47 |
| June 5 | Arthur Livingston Denison | 86 |
| 29 | Mary Grover Leland | 88 |
| July 8 | Mary Anne Hale | 0 |
| 29 | Clinton H. Gabree | 65 |
| Sept. 25 | Marshall Fayette Whithed | 91 |
| 26 | Mary Edwidge Aubrey | 82 |
| Dec. 19 | Charles R. Deane | 53 |
| 22 | Helen (Kimball) Fowler | 93 |
| 25 | Moses W. Richardson | 77 |

1954

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------|--------|
| Jan. 21 | Bertha Bruce Krueger | 76 |
| 24 | Richard Shedd | 61 |
| 29 | Eric Leonard Barber | 8 mos. |
| 30 | Harvey T. Shores | 84 |
| Mar. 5 | John A. Chase | 80 |
| 14 | Nettie Drake Tanner | 95 |
| 18 | Fred Mines Hale | 81 |
| Apr. 19 | Mary Guyette Vincent | 82 |
| May 18 | Eda Estelle Tinney Shaw | 86 |
| 23 | Mary Agnes Tobin Koonz | 81 |
| June 1 | Stephen James Donaldson | 5 |
| 9 | Elizabeth Stark Snow | 73 |
| 27 | Arthur K. Davis | 69 |
| 27 | George W. Olsen | 72 |
| July 10 | Mabel Edith Pierce Parmenter | 85 |
| Aug. 3 | Percy Buchan | 73 |
| Sept. 9 | Arthur Richard Magoon | 71 |
| Oct. 22 | Harry Daniel Hartwell | 67 |

1955

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------------|----|
| Jan. 25 | Nettie Alice (Lamb) Snow | 90 |
| Feb. 16 | Ellen L. Blodgett | 89 |
| 25 | Bertha Maud (Gleason) Johnson | 71 |
| Mar. 11 | Melinda (Bush) LaValley | 78 |
| 21 | Abbie C. Nelson | 82 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Apr. 5 | Raymond Henry Cobb | 63 |
| 6 | Belle Cynthia Woodard | 73 |
| 18 | Emma Wheeler Legate | 80 |
| May 6 | David Anthony Gray | 2 |
| 8 | Alton Jerah Miner | 79 |
| 20 | Ervin Martin Whitney | 70 |
| June 12 | Wayne Colin Amidon | 2 |
| July 15 | Charles Frederick Field | 77 |
| 25 | Edgar Stetson | 85 |
| Aug. 23 | Joseph M. Dunham | 87 |
| Sept. 15 | Margaret Donahue Shea | 86 |
| 16 | Nettie S. Abbott | 78 |
| 18 | Sophia Adelia Ahlin Knutson | 83 |
| 28 | Alice Cushing Dunham | 85 |
| Oct. 31 | Lucy Lucinda Pratt | 82 |
| Dec. 18 | Iantha (Townsend) Cook | 99 |

1956

| | | |
|---------|----------------------------|----|
| Jan. 5 | Morton Snow | 79 |
| 29 | Josephine Esther Day Edgar | 83 |
| Feb. 2 | Annie Loughrey Baker | 88 |
| Mar. 22 | Marshal Keith Field | 0 |
| 24 | Mildred A. Hanson Whitney | 79 |
| Apr. 26 | Gertrude Bennett Keet Cook | 80 |
| May 25 | Mabel Annie Taft Grover | 76 |
| 27 | Fred Legate | 99 |
| July 22 | Carl A. Denison | 66 |
| Aug. 28 | Howard F. Wilson | 70 |
| Oct. 18 | Lorrin David Newhall | 73 |
| Nov. 4 | Jennie May Britton Newell | 73 |

1957

| | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Jan. 20 | Harry Edgar Chapin | 70 |
| 31 | Mabel Shores | 87 |
| Mar. 22 | Timothy Dennis Sullivan | 37 |
| May 6 | Infant Marble | 1 day |
| 23 | Harold Samuel Streeter | 66 |
| 30 | Richard Carey | 73 |
| June 14 | William Joseph Goodrow | 72 |
| July 24 | Robert R. Rubeor | 69 |
| Aug. 7 | Edward B. Snow, Sr. | 65 |
| 11 | Everett Minor Johnson | 80 |
| 22 | Everett J. Slate | 59 |
| Sept. 20 | Earle A. Purrington | 64 |
| Oct. 16 | Clara Abigail Hastings Hale | 84 |
| 25 | Annie Gray Noxon Portman | 81 |
| Nov. 29 | Adelaide E. Parkhurst Mann | 76 |
| Dec. 6 | Warren Henry Root | 87 |

1958

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Jan. 13 | Ruth Hastings Nevins Humes | 66 |
| 14 | George Sumner Raymond | 79 |
| 23 | Grace Agnes Jacobus Farnsworth | 80 |
| 24 | Walter Merrick Hale | 81 |
| Feb. 26 | Jean Ann Harris | 0 |
| Mar. 13 | Alice Karlen Higby | 90 |
| Apr. 25 | George A. Warner | 62 |
| May 12 | Mary Alice Vandervoort Brown | 88 |
| 14 | Ella Streeter Lee | 70 |
| 27 | Bertha Taylor | 76 |
| June 8 | Frederick William Koonz | 88 |
| 13 | Earl Douglas Marble | 31 |
| 29 | Stanley K. Durmas | 57 |
| July 12 | Infant McGrath | 0 |
| 24 | Gertrude Mae Gerrett | 78 |
| 26 | George William Townsend | 87 |
| 30 | Gilbert Jarvis Arms | 81 |
| Aug. 3 | Juliaette Streeter Newton | 104 |
| Oct. 9 | Bell White Porter | 88 |
| Nov. 9 | Bessie Faulkner Bradley | 64 |
| Dec. 4 | George A. Friedebach | 92 |
| 11 | John Senior | 67 |
| 13 | Milton Ernest Carpenter | 53 |

1959

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|----|
| Jan. 12 | Bessie I. (Bunnell) Black | 80 |
| 23 | Orra May Hale Whitaker | 79 |
| Mar. 13 | Eva A. Richardson Purrington | 63 |
| 14 | Bessie May Gerrish Seney | 54 |
| 19 | Mary Pauline Haskell | 0 |
| 27 | Mabel Evelyn Chapin | 74 |
| 31 | Arthur Henry Nelson | 86 |
| Apr. 29 | Mary Josephine Kozik Kmiec | 79 |
| May 3 | Sarah Andrews French | 90 |
| 27 | Abbie Beals Cranson | 79 |
| June 8 | Katherine Rose Stahl | 66 |
| 10 | Gertrude Fannie Martin Nelson | 84 |
| 25 | Harry Earl Smith, Sr. | 60 |
| July 23 | Infant Young | 0 |
| Aug. 4 | Bessie Louisa Carey Haskell | 65 |
| 10 | Artiemissa Howie Stanbridge | 85 |
| Sept. 22 | Sarah Addie Ingraham Fiske | 94 |
| Oct. 15 | Elizabeth Josephine Magee Walsh | 84 |
| 25 | Leslie Burnham Fuller | 63 |
| Nov. 18 | Louis Freese | 78 |

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>Age</i> |
|-------------|----------------------|------------|
| Dec. 5 | Ray Merium Robinson | 68 |
| 11 | Helen Douglas Field | 79 |
| 29 | Alice Johnson Taylor | 90 |

1960

| | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|----|
| Jan. 20 | Leo E. McDonough | 64 |
| Feb. 7 | George Delno Cranson | 82 |
| 20 | Annadelle Sniffen | 72 |
| Mar. 6 | Anna H. Ummer Denison | 68 |
| 20 | Anna E. Chadwick | 63 |
| Apr. 16 | Harry Raymond Clark | 72 |
| 23 | Cheryl Allen | 2 |
| 29 | Alphonse J. Fregeau | 83 |
| May 1 | Frank Arthur Hale | 74 |
| 7 | Martha Otis Armstrong | 90 |
| 15 | Pasquale Scognamiglio | 73 |
| June 28 | Cecelia Margaret McBride Murphy | 85 |
| 30 | Rose Parodis Bush Vehue | 86 |
| Sept. 14 | Lynwood F. Howard | 48 |
| Oct. 3 | Vivian Whitney Quinn | 49 |
| 11 | Edgar Philip Lee, Sr. | 78 |
| Dec. 4 | Edwina Mary Snow | 43 |
| 13 | Edna F. Bruce Livermore | 50 |

1961

| | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|----|
| Feb. 15 | Barbara Ann Payne | 34 |
| May 12 | Alice Franklin Bardwell | 79 |
| June 13 | Alfred James Lenois | 51 |
| July 13 | Lou L. Powell | 84 |
| 26 | Glynn Austin Crapo | 66 |
| 28 | William Herbert Brightman | 74 |
| Sept. 2 | Laura Mary Vincent LaValley | 66 |
| 15 | Nellie Parmenter Nelson | 86 |
| Nov. 14 | Raymond Allen Atherton | 75 |
| Dec. 26 | Leroy Edward Packard | 66 |

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